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Isabela judges take gun training course

By Villamor Visaya Jr.
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

ILAGAN, Isabela—If hanging judges won't stop assassins, maybe pistol-packing judges—and women, at that—will.

Concerned about the growing number of murdered court officials, about 50 judges,

ISABELA/ A21

Sneers greet House move to scrap pork

It's still in budget, says senator

By Christine O. Avendaño

CONTRARY to what they're saying, members of the House of Representatives are not giving up their pork barrel next year despite their "unprecedented twin decisions" to help government deal with its fiscal problems, a high-ranking Senate official said yesterday.

"They are just revising the system, but the pork barrel is still there," said the Senate official, who did not wish to be identified.

Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. announced Saturday that he and senior party leaders in the House had agreed to abolish the pork barrel system starting with the proposed 2005 national budget following an all-party caucus last week.

They also said the House had agreed to adopt "line item budgeting" to ensure transparency in the nature and amounts of executive and congressional allocations in next year's budget.

The House leaders then called on President Macapagal-Arroyo and the senators to give up their pork barrel allocations.

Like the Senate official, the League of Provinces of the Philippines is skeptical about reports that House members were giving up their pork starting next year.

The league urged the public to be vigilant to tricks House members might pull to conceal their pork barrel through "congressional insertions."

"We just hope that the funds intended for pork barrel are not tucked in the congressional insertions which are far bigger than the pork barrel," said the league's spokesperson, Gov. Ben Evardone of Eastern Samar.

The Senate official said House members were merely changing the system in the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF), also known as the pork barrel, from a "lump-sum appropriation" to "line item budgeting."

He said that instead of identifying the projects later as had been the practice of lawmakers in their PDAF allocations, the projects would be identified "in advance" or when Congress deliberates on the 2005 budget. This then would be included in the proposed General Appropriations Act of 2005.

"From the way it would appear, the pork barrel is not actually abolished ... all the rest

SNEERS/ A20

Lawmaker likens fiscal crisis to cancer growth

By Carlito Pablo

WE'RE in the midst of a fiscal crisis, but how bad is it?

"Our financial diagnosis suggests that the country is in advanced stages of fiscal metastasis as shown by the rapid spiral in debt service and debt stock," according to a 31-page paper that explored the anatomy of the fiscal crisis and identified "painful" prescriptions for recovery.

The paper, "Dimensions of the Philippine Fiscal Crisis: A Roadmap to Fiscal Rehabilitation," was authored by Rep. Joey Salceda (Lakas-Kampi, Albay), resident economist of the House of Representatives.

Salceda, chair of the House committee on economic affairs, said there was a need to "put a sick government into intensive care and radical surgery and insulate the private sector from the contagion via an interest rate shock."

He advised the administration to make "a first strike before its modest electoral mandate gets dissipated by political distractions, especially given our historical fixation with the peripherals."

He said the "crux of the fiscal crisis" was the national government's (NG) debt stock of P3.35 trillion as of the end of 2003 and the total public debt stock of P5.39 trillion as of September, 2003.

LAWMAKER / A21

Tax luxuries of rich, ex-Neda chief urges

By Blanche S. Rivera

HIT THEM where they live.

Concerned about the fiscal crisis facing the government, former Economic Planning Secretary Cielito Habito yesterday challenged President Macapagal-Arroyo's administration to show it meant business by taxing the luxuries of the country's rich families.

"Impose taxes on second or third mansions, condominium units, golf course shares, yachts, private planes and helicopters and other displays of extravagance," Habito said.

The proposal was part of a 10-point strategy for a graft-free Philippines drafted by Habito and officials of the fledgling political party Bangon Pilipinas.

Habito, who also served as director general of the National Economic and Development Authority during the Ramos administration, is now Bangon's vice president for economic affairs.

"The people will support a morally upright government when and if" the Arroyo administration pursues the 10 steps spelled out in the Bangon program, Habito said.

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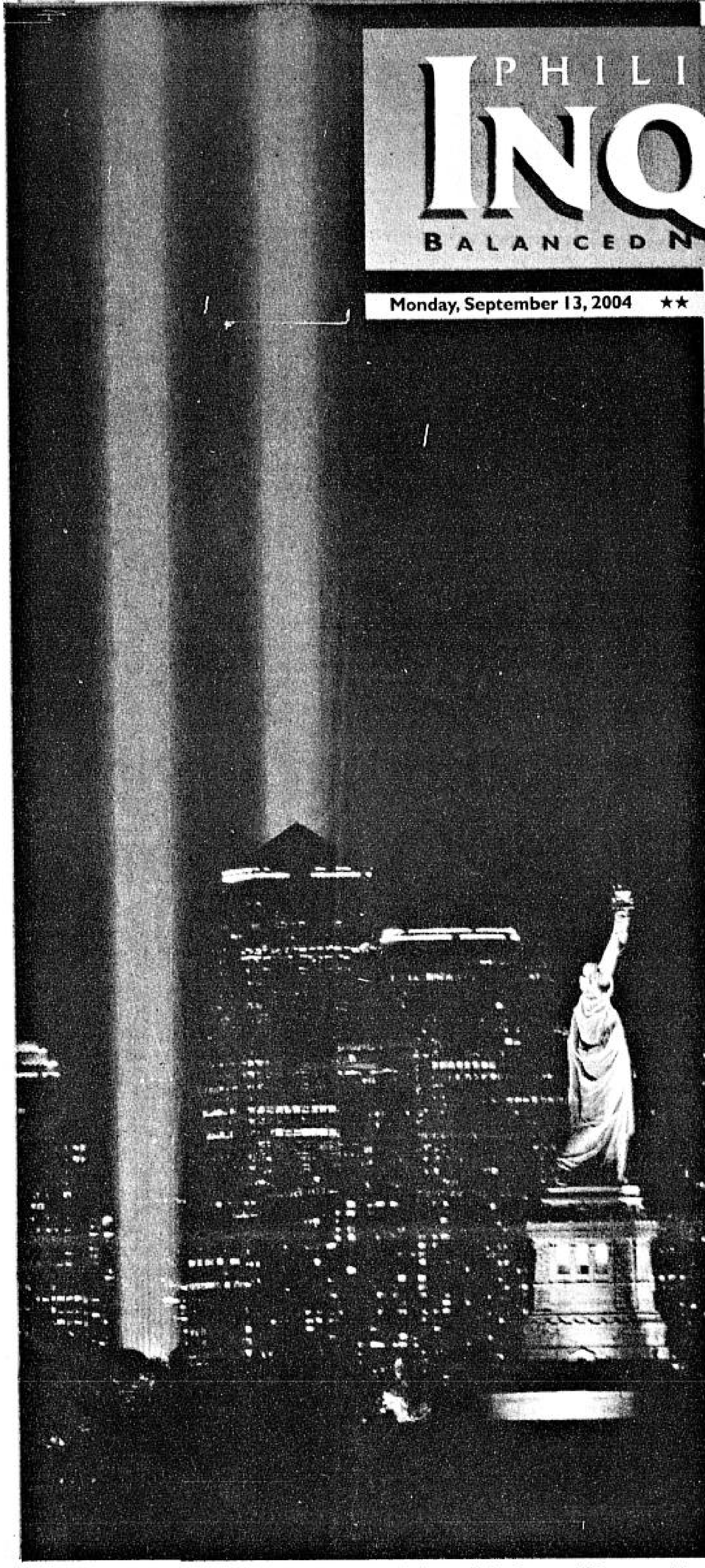

THE "Tribute in Light" shines over the Manhattan skyline and the Statue of Liberty marking the third anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on Saturday, from the perspective of Jersey City in New Jersey. AP

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Pain remains fresh for 9/11 victims' kin

By Rita Villadiego
Contributor

NEW YORK—It's been three years, but Filipino-American Cora Fernandez still sheds tears when she looks at her daughter's photographs.

Judith Fernandez perished during the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. She was 27. Every year since then, from Sept. 3 to 11, her mother has lit a candle and prayed a novena for the repose of her soul at the church in Little Egg Harbor in New Jersey, where the family resides.

The Fernandezes also continue to attend support group meetings with other 9/11 victims' families. They all seek to heal broken hearts, and there's no telling how much longer they will have to do this.

On Saturday, Cora and kin wore T-shirts imprinted with a photo of Judith and brought flowers to memorial services at Liberty Park and at the World

PAIN REMAINS/ A22

A NEW York firefighter kisses the hand of a child as they pay their respects to victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the former twin towers of the World Trade Center. REUTERS

Children sacrificed as pawns in war on terrorism

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

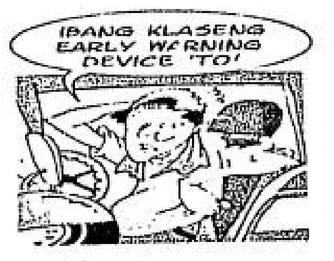
THE MOST poignant aspect of the third anniversary of the bombing of the World Trade Center in New York was the tearful recitation of the names of the 2,749 people who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack. The ceremony, which took three hours, was shorn of angry political rhetoric.

It refocused the war on terrorism to the common people, who have been the victims of attacks, away from the policy issues that dehumanize the brutality of the war by looking at the bombings—not only in New York but in other parts of the world as well—as a response to state policies by political and religious militants retaliating against these policies and settling ancient scores festering since the First Crusade of the 11th century.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the cycle of violence has spiraled. But most of the victims have been defenseless, innocent and nonpolitical civilians, including lately children. There have been far fewer casualties among soldiers and combatants in this chain of war than among noncombatants.

The New York attack by Islamic militants was not just their declaration of war against their hated target—the United States. It marked the outbreak of a new type of war, following the end

CHILDREN/ A22



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Jeepney blinking? Call cops

By Christian V. Esguerra

A BLINKER flashing atop a jeepney means the driver's in distress; a robbery is in progress. Call the cops.

That's in about two weeks, or before the month's

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Extreme Northern Luzon will experience cloudy skies with rains while the rest of Luzon and Visayas will be mostly cloudy with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. Mindanao will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers.

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Fil-Ams urged to give to Bayanihan Fund

By TJ Burgonio

AMBASSADOR Lauro Baja Jr., Philippine Permanent Representative to the United Nations, on Saturday exhorted the Filipino-American community in the United States to "join hands" with their compatriots in Manila and contribute to the Bayanihan Fund to avert the looming fiscal crisis in their native country.

Baja said the fiscal problem "presents a singular opportunity and challenge" to the National Federation of Filipino-American Associations (NaFFAA) to help the Philippines.

"Senators and congressmen have agreed to renounce their pork, or part of it; the executive department has embarked on austerity measures; businessmen have come forward promising to pitch in, and religious organizations have taken notice of the crisis," Baja told the audience at the 6th Empowerment Congress of the NaFFAA in Chicago, Illinois.

"There is something truly wonderful happening back home. I see a resurgence of nationalism, of patriotism, of love of country. The sum total of these collective efforts will not by themselves solve the crisis but anything which comes from the heart and soul symbolizes cooperation, unity and empowerment—the vision of NaFFAA," he said.

Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. had urged individuals and groups to contribute to the Bayanihan Fund to help ease the country's financial problems. He hit up businessmen traveling with President Macapagal-Arroyo during her recent state visit to China for P350 million in contributions.

The Department of Tourism and Metrobank have put up donation boxes in their offices and branches to collect contributions from their employees and clients.

"I therefore call on NaFFAA to support the efforts of our *kababayans* back home and contribute to the Bayanihan Fund," Baja said in his speech, excerpts of which were e-mailed to reporters covering the foreign affairs beat.

It was not immediately known how the delegates to the conference reacted to his appeal.

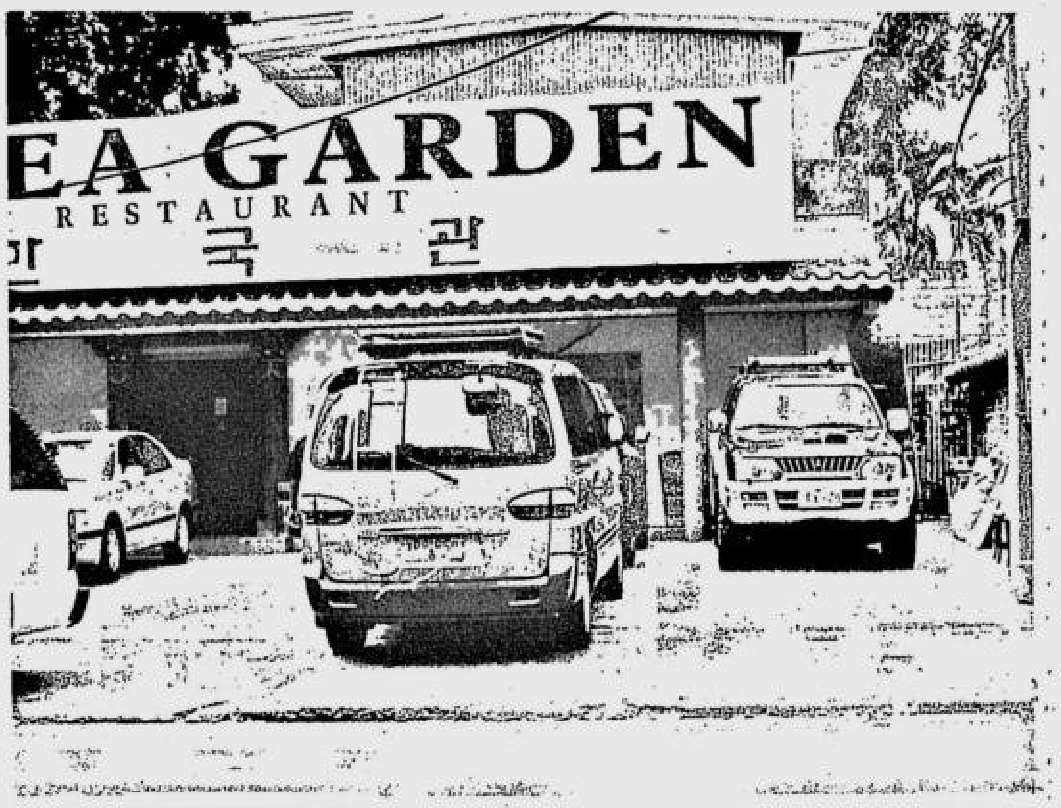
In his speech, the ambassador also paid tribute to NaFFAA, which he said "has [come] long way" in contributing to the social, political, economic and cultural life of the United States.

"The Filipino-American as you have made [him] to be could be a veritable force for progress and development," he said.

Baja cited, for instance, the organization's efforts to press for the passage of the Veterans Equity Bill, its program for distressed Filipino nationals in various parts of the US, and its drive toward a cultural community with emphasis on identity, education and stewardship in the Filipino-American performing arts.

"It is my vision that your involvement in advocacy and legislative policy initiatives will continue to grow from strength to strength," he said.

"I look forward to the near future when more and more Filipino-Americans will be elected to political leadership positions and that from your ranks emanate a distinctly Filipino-American perspective on current and emerging issues of concern in foreign policy and national priorities," he added.



FOR PRIVATE USE ALSO RUDY ESPERAS

It's always been illegal for government employees to use official vehicles for private business and outside of work hours, more so with President Macapagal-Arroyo's call for austerity in government because of the fiscal crisis. Lo and behold, yesterday at noon INQUIRER photographer Rudy Esperas spotted the Mitsubishi SUV at right sporting government plate number SFX 108 parked outside the Korea Garden restaurant on Jupiter Street in Makati City.

Dual citizenship rule to be eased

By Jerome Aning

THE BUREAU of Immigration may soon modify stringent rules on birth certificates for former Filipinos who wish to regain their Philippine citizenship under the dual citizenship law.

Lawyer Arvin Santos, head of the bureau's task force on dual citizenship, said many applicants born before 1950 in the Philippines could not submit birth certificates authenticated by the National Statistics Office because records of their birth had been destroyed during the World War II.

Also, many who were born in the first few years following the end of the war were not registered due to absence of registrars and the lack of recording facilities.

Santos said the amended rules, which still needed approval from the Department of Justice, would no longer require an applicant to submit such a certificate and instead would just accept one issued by the local civil registrar of the applicant's town of birth.

The requirement of NSO-authenticated birth certificates was a major hurdle for many dual citizenship applicants, according to Immigration Commissioner Alipio Fernandez Jr.

"There are a good number of expatriates whose applications remain pending because existing rules require them to submit specific documents which they could not present for reasons which are not their fault," Fernandez said in a statement.

The inter-agency committee on dual citizenship composed of representatives from the immigration bureau, DOJ, NSO and the foreign affairs department agreed to the birth certificate authentication and other changes during a recent meeting.

Fernandez said the amendments were being reviewed by the bureau's team of lawyers before they are forwarded to the DOJ. After approval, the new rules would be published in national newspapers before they could take effect.

Bill would bar gov't officials from casinos

By Cynthia D. Balana

A BILL which seeks to ban elected and appointed public officials from patronizing gambling casinos has been filed in the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 1611, authored by Rep. Roseller Barinaga (NPC, 2nd Dist., Zamboanga del Norte), aims to ban a whole gamut of officials. They include: the President, the Vice President, all Cabinet members and officials of various agencies, military and police officials, officials of government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), senators, congressmen and local officials from governors to barangay tanods.

Also covered in the prohibition are spouses of government officials, Barinaga said.

"A spouse's behavior in public would necessarily reflect on the image of the government official," he explained.

Violators would face six months to one year imprisonment and a fine ranging from P10,000 to P30,000, or both.

Officials and employees of Pagcor-operated establishments would suffer the same punishment if found guilty of allowing officials to enter and play at casinos.

Barinaga said the bill would complement Presidential Decree 1869, which allows the government to operate and run casinos but prohibits public officials and employees from entering and playing in the establishments.

"The law has no teeth because it missed out on the penal provision that would have made the law enforceable and not prone to violation," Barinaga said.

In pushing for the immediate approval of the bill, Barinaga cited South Korea where public officials are banned from playing in casinos and from playing golf.

"In the Philippines, a number of government officials, including military and police officers, are frequent clients of casinos," he said. "This bill would answer the clamor to bring back high ethical standards and morality in government."

JDV to push ₱350-M Asean anti-poverty fund

By Carlito Pablo

SPEAKER Jose de Venecia Jr. left yesterday for Cambodia to push for the approval of his proposed $350 million Anti-Poverty Fund for member-countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations during the meeting of the Asean Inter-Parliamentary Organization in Phnom Penh.

"The fund has drawn significant support as a practical way of building up the Asean middle class," De Venecia said in a statement. "The fund will not be dispensing dole-outs but will finance the entrepreneurial poor of our urban and rural slums."

De Venecia said that he will "breach the barrier of indecision" regarding the creation of such a fund during the 10th AIPO assembly hosted by Phnom Penh.

Under De Venecia's proposal, the fund will be comprised of contributions from Asean member-states, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the European Union, the G-8 countries and the United Nations System.

"Micro-entrepreneurs could use loans of as little as the equivalent of $500 and $1,000 to generate jobs, produce services and raise local incomes," De Venecia said.

De Venecia was accompanied by five members of the House of Representatives to the AIPO assembly. The trip was fully financed by the Cambodian parliament.

Before leaving for Cambodia yesterday, De Venecia hosted leaders of major media organizations to initiate efforts at mobilizing the so-called Press Freedom Fund.

This fund aims to provide assistance to journalists who are facing harassment and danger in the line of duty.

De Venecia gave P100,000 during the meeting which is the first tranche of the P1 million "reward money" he earlier committed to help solve the murders of journalists.

De Venecia also asked Rep. Gilbert Remulla (NP, Cavite) to raise another P1 million from members of the House to beef up the Press Freedom Fund.

During the meeting, an industry-wide Quick Reaction Task Force was also set up to provide immediate support to threatened journalists.

Aglipay defends controversial app't

By Christian V. Esguerra

PHILIPPINE National Police Director General Edgar Aglipay yesterday defended the controversial appointment of a general who was placed on floating status a year ago following the escape of Indonesian terrorist Fathur Rohman Al-Ghozi.

"He has the capability," Aglipay told reporters, referring to Chief Supt. Jesus Verzosa whom he appointed to head the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group.

As former CIDG deputy chief and Intelligence Group director, Verzosa was the natural choice for the post, widely considered a "little PNP" because of its regional units scattered nationwide.

Aglipay sniped at those who had been criticizing Verzosa's appointment. "He has suffered (already)," he said. "He had no assignment for one year after the Al-Ghozi fiasco."

Al-Ghozi and two top-level Abu Sayyaf detainees escaped on July 14, 2003, the day Australian Prime Minister John Howard visited the country.

The escape greatly embarrassing the government. Al-Ghozi was killed by a manhunt team three months later.

Even before the fiasco, Verzosa was already considered a top contender to replace then CIDG chief Eduardo Matillano.

Aglipay himself seemed irritated with criticism of his extended term.

He reaches the mandatory retirement age of 56 today. But he won't be leaving until February since President Macapagal-Arroyo gave him a minimum term of six months from his Aug. 23 appointment.

In that brief stint, Aglipay wishes to "regain the faith of the Filipino people in the police."

Early this week, the National Police Commission issued a directive that would make it tough for lazy police personnel to be promoted.

Interior Secretary and concurrent Napolcom chief Angelo Reyes directed Aglipay to review the existing promotion system so only those deserving would be promoted.

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Villar wants heads of GOCCs sacked

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Sen. Manuel Villar Jr. was referring to the heads of financially troubled government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs) which had caused the public sector deficit to become bloated.

Villar did not name the GOCC heads he wanted sacked but identified the three GOCCs that had contributed to the fiscal deficit from 2000 to 2002 due to losses and liabilities.

These were National Power Corp. (Napocor), which accounted for 37 percent of the deficit; National Food Authority, 14 percent, and Light Railway Transit Authority (LRTA), 13 percent.

Villar said Napocor's outstanding debt amounted to P1.4 trillion, while that of LRTA was P25 billion.

"The heads of GOCCs must be held accountable for the state firms' financial troubles," the senator, chair of the Senate finance committee, said in a statement. "There is a need to look into the fiscal prudence of our public debts."

Last week, Villar called for an inquiry into the debts and expenditures of the national government, as well as for an audit of the country's total consolidated public sector debt, which includes those of the GOCCs.

Villar said the total debt of the GOCCs reached P2.1 trillion this month, or 40 percent of total public sector debt.

He said the government had been assuming the liabilities of GOCCs. In 2003 alone, the national government assumed P37 billion in liabilities of the GOCCs, pushing the national government debt to P3.3 trillion that year.

From 2000 to 2002, about P428.10 billion or 21.3 percent of the national government debts was due to assumed liabilities and lending to GOCCs.

Villar said that as of May 21 last year, the government had guaranteed the loans of four GOCCS, namely, Napocor ($6.8 billion), Development Bank of the Philippines ($2.2 billion), Land Bank of the Philippines ($654 million) and Philippine National Oil Co.-EDC ($608M).

Only last week, the government sold $1 billion in bonds for Napocor. *Christine O. Avendaño*

House sets probe of 'chocolate war'

By Carlito Pablo

THE MULTI-MILLION-PESO "chocolate war" that has spilled out of Duty Free Philippines (DPF) and over to Congress shows no sign of being mopped up.

Yesterday, conflicting parties smeared each other with charges and countercharges in this bittersweet contest over concession rights for chocolates and snacks.

The DFP Employees Association said in a statement that the prospect of losing their jobs prompted them to expose the deal wherein DFP transferred its concession to the foreign firm Eastern Duty Free without benefit of a public bidding.

"We view the lack of bidding, the projected losses and other anomalous provisions in the contract with alarm… (We could be) thrown out and start begging in the streets when the questionable contract results in financial hemorrhage for the DFP," the association said.

The employees earlier filed a graft complaint against former Tourism Secretary Roberto Pagdanganan and DFP general manager Michael Kho who had approved the deal. The DFPEA claimed the deal could mean losses for the DFP of P336 million a year, or P1.6 billion in five years.

Rep. Eduardo Zialcita (Lakas, Parañaque) blamed Chinese-Filipino businessman William Tieng for starting the alleged smear campaign against DFP.

He said Tieng's Winning Touch Corp. had made a counteroffer for the chocolate and snacks concession but failed to bag the contract because EDF "matched (and improved on) the deal by some P180 million."

In a statement yesterday, Zialcita said a joint probe by the House committees on good government and on tourism would be conducted on Tieng's alleged monopoly of contracts at the DFP.

"It would be laughable for Tieng to oppose the chocolate deal because there was no public bidding. All of his deals were negotiated contracts; they never went through public bidding," he said.

Rep. Rolex Suplico (Ind., Iloilo) said the management of the DFP and the Philippine Tourism Authority had a lot of explaining to do.

Suplico noted that the deal "virtually gave the foreign firm (EDF) a monopoly over the supply of chocolates and snacks to DFP outlets."

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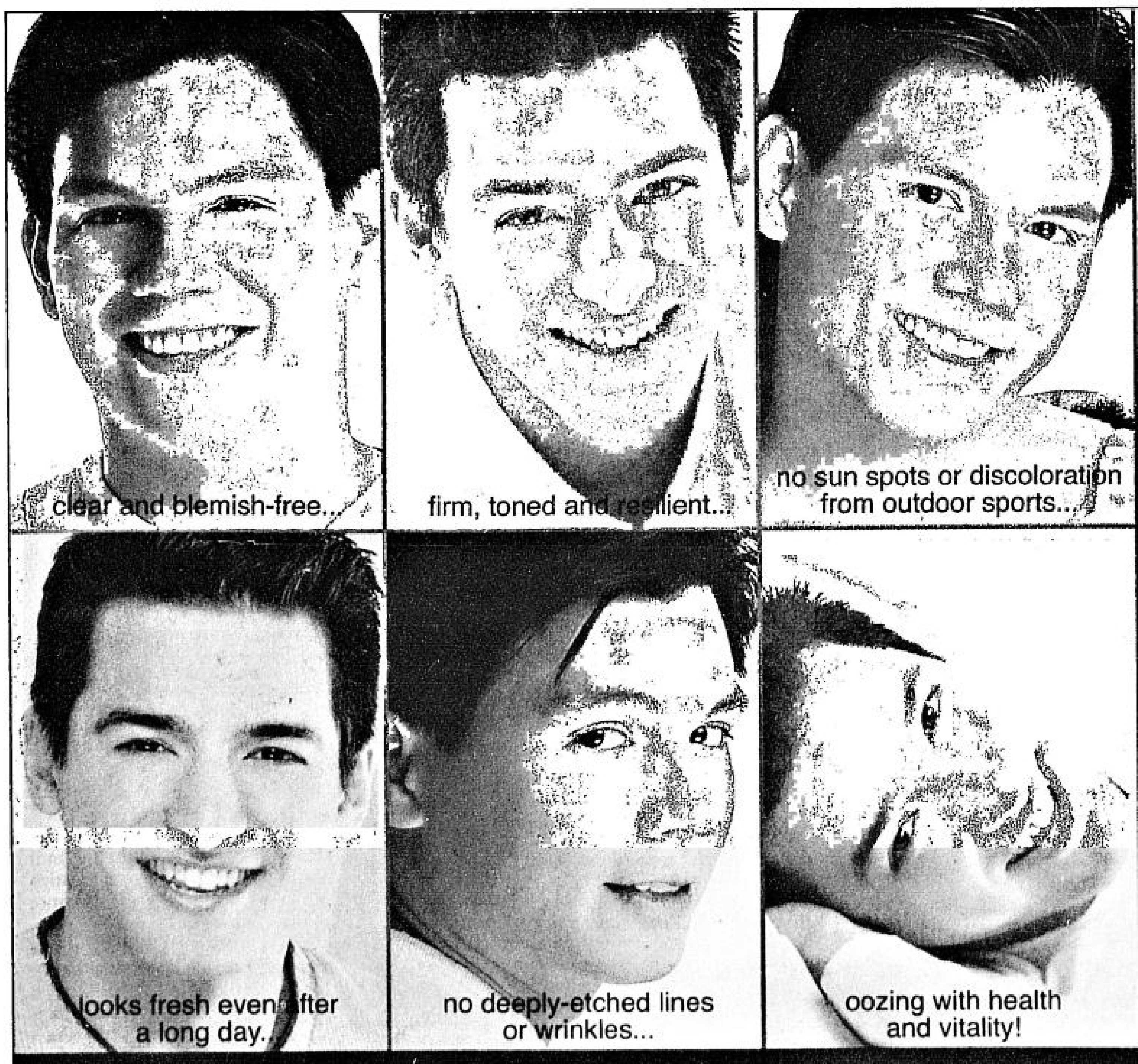
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Jeepney blinking? Call cops

From page A1

end, when public utility jeepneys in Metro Manila will be equipped with the Philippine National Police's latest gadget against thieves.

Director Avelino Razon Jr., National Capital Region Police Office chief, came up with the blinkers proposal following complaints from transport groups about what they said was the worsening problem of jeepney robberies.

"The idea is to give jeepney drivers a tool with which to alert policemen," Razon told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

If he had his way, the official said, he would have every passenger jeepney outfitted with a blinker as a standard device. But drivers who couldn't afford it might try or suggest alternative alarm gadgets, he added.

(Alternative gadgets may also be favored by drivers whose vehicles already sport a hundred blinking lights inside and out. On the other hand, sound alarms will certainly just drown in, or be mistaken as part of, blaring disco or rock music that's standard in jeepneys servicing mostly student-studded zones. Whatever.)

The NCRPO chief said the main requirement was that the driver should be able to activate the device discreetly and immediately, possibly by just pressing a button.

A driver could even jump the gun on robbers by activating the gadget as soon as one or two persons on board start acting suspiciously, Razon said. He promised that a patrol officer would be readily available to deal with the situation.

In short, the suspected thief will be checked out at once. The official assured the public that policemen would not automatically go for the worst-dressed passenger.

Besides blinkers, the NCRPO will soon implement a "checking system" at vehicle terminals, similar to the one already in place at airports. Officials said transport group representatives may be tapped for the job.

Correction

IN YESTERDAY'S issue, a Metro story on Page A23—"Body of little' angel found on condo's roof"—erroneously reported that a fetus was found on the roof of the 25-story LPL Manor building in Makati City. The fetus was found on the ledge of the building's fifth floor.

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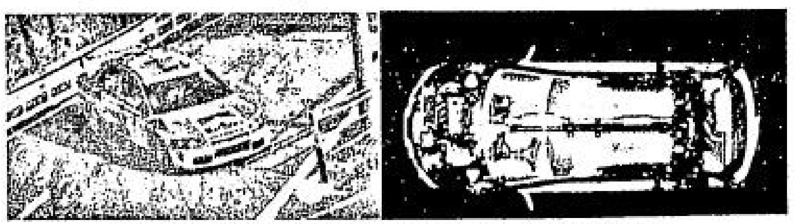
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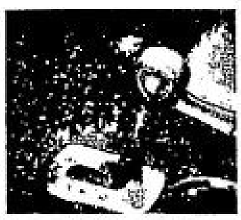
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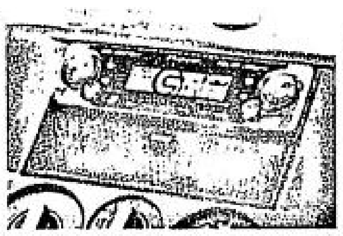
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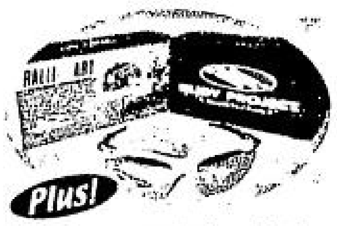

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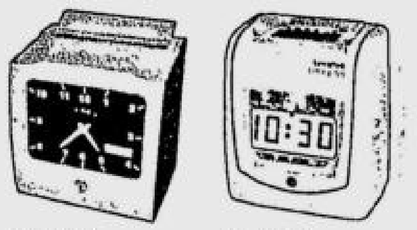

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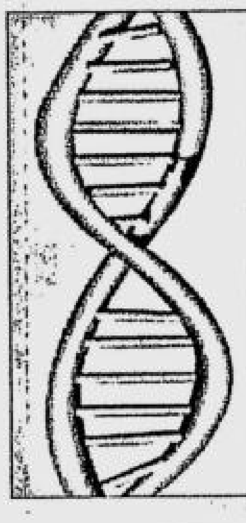

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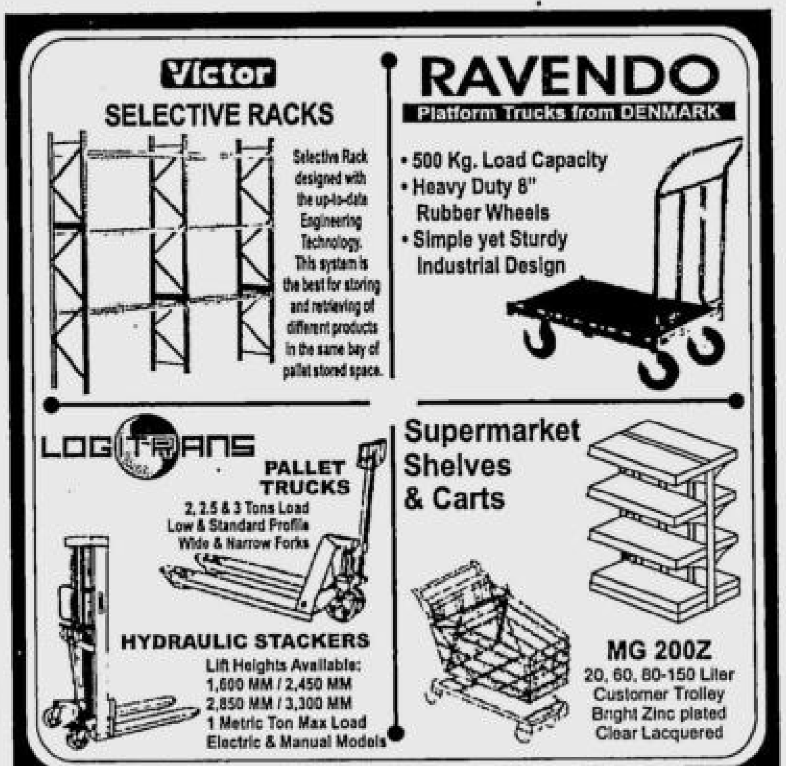

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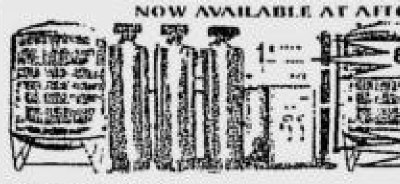

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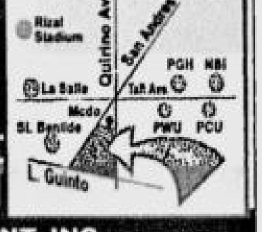

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Taiwan urges restraint on Spratlys issue

By TJ Burgonio

TAIWAN is steering clear of a possible international dispute over an agreement between the Philippines and China to conduct a seismic survey around the disputed Spratly islands to hunt for potential oil and gas reserves.

The head of the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office in Manila has asked all claimant-countries to the Spratlys, including Vietnam, Malaysia and Brunei, to address the issue through "peaceful negotiations."

"I urge all parties to respect the principle of peaceful negotiations and [adopt] a peaceful resolution to manage the issue, and to respect each other's interest and consent," Teco chief Hsin-hsing Wu said.

Hsin, who had earlier urged the Philippine government to express "verbal support" in the upcoming General Assembly for Taiwan's fresh bid to join the United Nations, declined to comment on Vietnam's criticism of the agreement.

Vietnam's foreign ministry had accused Manila and Beijing of deviating from a November 2002 agreement between China and the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) to avoid any activities that may heighten tensions there.

It also demanded information on the agreement which was hammered out during President Macapagal-Arroyo's state visit to China early this month.

The "pre-exploration research survey" would entail three years of collection, analysis and processing of seismic data and would cost both the state-owned oil firms of the Philippines and China some $7 million, officials said.

Gilberto Asuque, spokesperson of the Department of Foreign Affairs, defended the agreement, stressing that it merely entailed a survey and not an exploration for resources.

Romulo, in a press briefing after Ms Arroyo's state visit, had said that the seismic survey in some areas of the South China Sea would not encroach on the claims of the countries pushing for their rights in the Spratlys.

The foreign secretary also said the Philippines and China would consult with the other claimants on the seismic undertaking during talks slated later this month "for better understanding."

The Spratlys straddle vital shipping lanes and fishing grounds, and are believed to be sitting on vast oil and gas reserves.

E Timor exec coming to say thanks

By TJ Burgonio

EAST Timor Foreign Minister Jose Ramos-Horta is coming to Manila for a three-day official visit to thank the government for helping the strife-torn former Portuguese colony establish its independence and to seek stronger cooperation on trade.

The 1996 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, who is expected to arrive tomorrow, will call on President Macapagal-Arroyo, his Philippine counterpart Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo, Energy Secretary Vincent Perez, Education Secretary Florencio Abad and other officials.

This will be the first official visit by Ramos-Horta, who had visited Manila a number of times but not in his capacity as foreign minister, foreign affairs officials said.

President Fidel V. Ramos had barred independence-advocate Ramos-Horta from attending a conference on East Timor in 1994 and from speaking at a meeting of NGOs during the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Manila in 1996, for fear this would harm relations with Indonesia.

During his visit, Ramos-Horta is expected to witness the signing of a slew of agreements and memoranda of understanding on trade, foreign affairs and energy, among others, between East Timor and the Philippines, foreign affairs officials said.

"Minister Horta has informed me that as part of his visit here, he wants to express the East Timorese people's appreciation for our concern and assistance in the establishment of Timor Leste (East Timor) as an independent state," Romulo said.

East Timor became a fully independent republic on May 20, 2002, following approximately two-and-a-half years under the authority of the UN Transitional Administration.

RP not sending troops to Iraq, DFA assures OIC

FOREIGN Secretary Alberto Romulo has assured the Organization of the Islamic Conference that the Philippines was not considering dispatching Filipino troops to Iraq.

Romulo made it clear to the ambassadors and charge d'affaires of the 13 OIC member-countries that the government was "not contemplating sending another humanitarian contingent" to the war-torn state, officials said.

The ambassadors and charge d'affaires paid a courtesy call on Romulo at the Department of Foreign Affairs on Friday after his recent appointment as head of the DFA.

Officials under previous DFA chief Delia Albert had said the Philippines was considering sending another humanitarian contingent to Iraq under the aegis of the United Nations. They later took this back.

The Philippines withdrew its 51-man contingent in late July to save the life of Filipino truck driver Angelo de la Cruz who had been seized by Iraqi militants and threatened with beheading.

Romulo affirmed the Philippines' "special relationship" with the OIC member-countries, describing it as "warm, strong and productive." He also thanked Malaysia and Brunei for sending monitoring teams to observe the cease-fire between government troops and separatist rebels in Mindanao and Sulu.

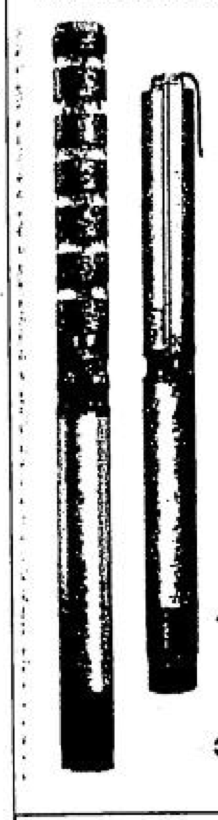
"Because of you, what were once combatants now sit at a table discussing peace," Romulo said.

On behalf of the diplomats, Libyan Ambassador Salem Adam expressed the OIC countries' support for Romulo's leadership at the DFA.

"We are confident of the future knowing the vast experience you have in government service and we hope your leadership will be long-lasting," officials quoted Adam as telling Romulo.

Aside from Adam, those who called on Romulo were Ambassadors Saber Abdel Kader Mansour of Egypt, Jalal Kalantari of Iran, Ltikhar Hussain Kazmi of Pakistan, Ibrahim Abdulrahman al-Meghaisseb of Qatar, Mohammed Ameen Weli of Saudi Arabia and Ebrahim Abdullah al-Jowaid of the United Arab Emirates.

Charges d'affaires Mohammad Jafar Undin of Bangladesh, Haji Haris Haji Tuah of Brunei, Alexander Laturiuw of Indonesia, Salah A.A.M. Al-Bannai of Kuwait, Mahinder Singh of Malaysia and Oyebola Kuku of Nigeria were also present. *TJ Burgonio*



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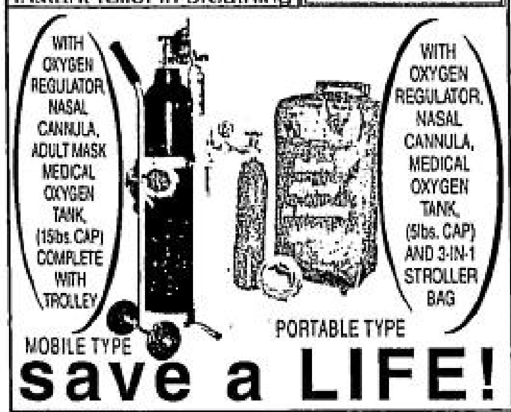

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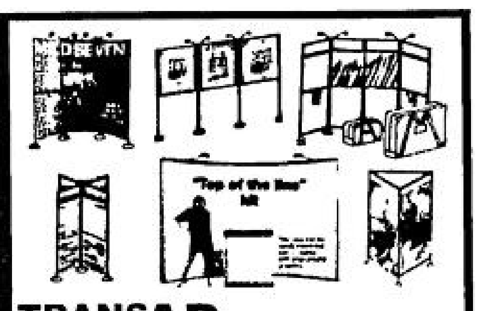

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SSS offers loan amnesty

MAASIN CITY—The Social Security System will launch next month its third amnesty program aimed at collecting P21 billion in delinquent salary loans from six million employees all over the country.

Rodrigo Gregana, SSS manager here, urged members with outstanding loans to avail of the program which would be offered for only one year.

"They just need to pay interest and the principal. Penalties will be condoned," Gregana said.

The P21 billion in unremitted payments was accumulated from 1989 to the present.

Gregana also defended the planned increase in member contributions saying it would allow the SSS to provide better service and sustain its operations. *Jani Arnaiz, PDI Visayas Bureau*

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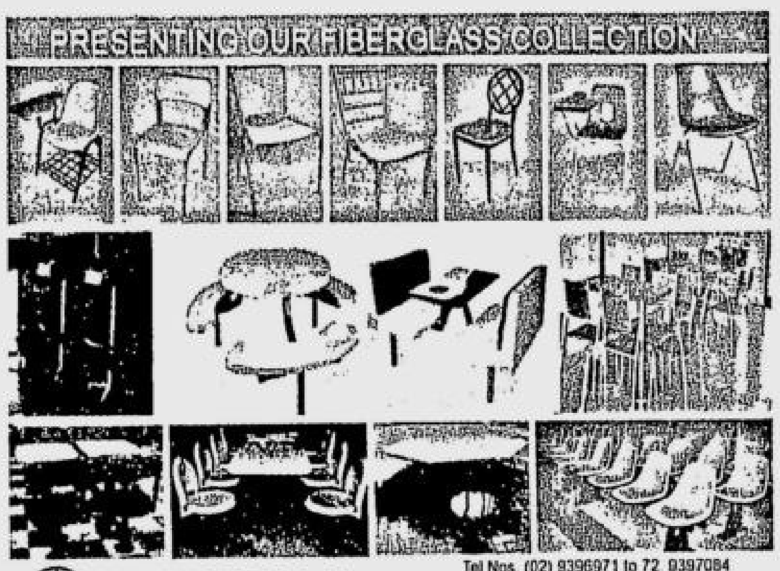

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25 killed, scores hurt in bloody Baghdad Sunday

BAGHDAD—Militants pounded central Baghdad on Sunday with one of their most intense mortar barrages in the heart of the capital ever. At least 25 people died and more than 100 were injured, including some who were killed when witnesses said an American helicopter fired at a burning US vehicle surrounded by jubilant Iraqis celebrating its destruction.

Elsewhere, a suicide attacker detonated an explosives-packed vehicle just outside Abu Ghraib prison, killing himself but causing no other casualties, the US military said. American guards had fired at the vehicle as it sped toward the front gate, the military said.

A militant group linked to al-Qaida claimed responsibility for the attacks in an Internet statement that could not be immediately verified. The group led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi boasted it held the initiative in the Iraqi insurgency and possessed the "capability to surprise the enemy and hit its strategic installations at the right time and place."

Rockets and mortar began raining down before dawn on the Green Zone, which houses Iraqi and US offices, and other parts of central Baghdad. As the shelling continued after sunrise, US troops backed by armored vehicles moved into the streets searching for the attackers.

A Bradley fighting vehicle rushing down Haifa Street to assist a US patrol was disabled by a car bomb shortly before 7 a.m., the US military said. An Associated Press reporter at the scene, however, did not see any other vehicle in the immediate vicinity of the burning Bradley.

The four US crewmen escaped with minor injuries but came under small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire and called for air support, US officials said.

Jubilant fighters and young boys swarmed around the burning vehicle, dancing, cheering and hurling firebombs. Several young men placed a black banner of the al-Qaida-backed group Tawhid and Jihad, led by al-Zarqawi, in the barrel of the Bradley's main gun.

Suddenly, a US Kiowa helicopter fired on the Bradley, trying to destroy it to prevent insurgents from looting weapons and ammunition on board, the military said.

Witnesses said several people milling around the Bradley, including a correspondent for the Arabic language Al-Arabiya television station, were killed. An Iraqi cameraman working for Reuters and a freelance photographer for Getty Images were also wounded.

Al-Arabiya broadcast videotape showing its employee, Mazen al-Tumeizi, preparing to make a report. Suddenly, an explosion occurred behind him. He doubled over and began screaming "I'm dying, I'm dying," and colleagues tried to help him.

Health Ministry official Saad al-Amili said 13 people were killed and 61 wounded on Haifa Street. Scattered shoes, pools of fresh blood and debris littered the scene.

Another 12 people died and 41 were injured Sunday in other violence across the city, al-Amili said.

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US intel officer jailed for Iraqi prisoner abuse

BAGHDAD—A twice-decorated US military intelligence officer was jailed for eight months and discharged for bad conduct Saturday for abusing Iraqi prisoners, as US troops in Iraq marked the third anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Specialist Armin J. Cruz, 24, of Plano, Texas, pleaded guilty at the start of his special court martial in Baghdad, but the military judge did not deliver his verdict until Saturday afternoon.

"He has been sentenced to reduction to private, confinement for eight months and a bad-conduct discharge. His confinement location has not yet been determined," said military spokesperson Lt. Col. Steven Boylan.

Cruz, attached to the 502nd Military Intelligence Battalion, had pleaded guilty to ordering soldiers to undress, handcuffing them and forcing them to crawl so their genitals scraped the floor, according to the military's charge sheet.

He also confessed to conspiring with military police to cover up the abuse.

A spokesperson said Cruz, who joined the army in September 2000, had indicated he would appeal the sentence. He had faced a maximum punishment of up to a year in jail, demotion to private, a fine of two-thirds of his salary and a bad-conduct discharge.

The abuses at Abu Ghraib prison that saw Iraqi detainees beaten and sexually humiliated have been linked to new "get-tough" interrogation methods issued by the Pentagon in the aftermath of Sept. 11.

Initially, the White House insisted that sexual and physical mistreatment at Abu Ghraib, which rights groups have said amounted to torture, was limited to the seven military police prison guards who were the first to be charged.

Twenty-seven military intelligence personnel have now been recommended for indictment and US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has said at least 45 people would face court martial.

The scandal has tarred the US reputation and proved a major hurdle in the war on terror, providing a propaganda victory for the al-Qaida network that carried out the attacks three years ago.

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Huge explosion rocks N. Korean province—report

SEOUL—A large explosion occurred in the northern part of North Korea, sending a huge column of smoke into the air on an important anniversary of the communist regime, a South Korean news agency reported Sunday.

The South Korean government said it was trying to confirm the report of an explosion at 11 a.m. on Thursday in Yanggang province near the border with China.

The Yonhap news agency carried conflicting reports from unidentified sources, with one in Washington saying the incident could be related to a natural disaster such as a forest fire. It also cited a diplomatic source in Seoul as raising the possibility of an accident or a nuclear test.

Yonhap later quoted Kim Jong-min, spokesperson for the presidential office, as saying:

"Currently, we are trying to find out in detail the exact character, cause and size of the accident, but we don't think North Korea conducted a nuclear test."

Although North Korea is believed to be developing nuclear weapons, international experts would likely have been able to detect the test if one had occurred several days ago.

"We understand that a mushroom-shaped cloud about 3.5- to 4-km in diameter was monitored during the explosion," the source in Seoul told Yonhap. Yonhap described the source as "reliable."

Thursday was the anniversary of North Korea's founding on Sept. 9, 1948. Leader Kim Jong-il uses the occasion to stage performances and other events to bolster loyalty among the impoverished North Korean population.

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HK polls seen to give more clout to pro-democracy opposition

HONG KONG—Hong Kong people voted Sunday in legislative elections, turning out solidly for contests expected to hand pro-democracy opposition figures more clout than any time since China reclaimed the territory in July 1997.

The campaign had been marred by scandal and alleged intimidation, and many voters were venting anger at Beijing's recent decision ruling out full democracy in the near term.

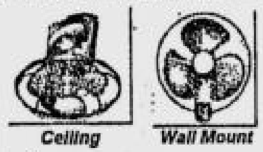
Pro-democracy opposition candidates, viewed as troublemakers or even "traitors" by China, were projected to gain the most votes but fall short of a majority in the Legislative Council under an election system critics say is rigged.

Half of the 60 seats were directly elected, with 3.2 million people eligible to vote, while the other half were picked by less than 200,000 members of special interest groups such as business, law and accounting that tend to back Beijing.

"I hope Hong Kong can be more democratic," said Candy Chu, a 48-year-old arts and crafts teacher who marched in two massive protests that shifted the landscape of local politics. Chu backed the opposition and accused the other side of "just speaking for Beijing."

Polls were to stay open for 15 hours, with final results expected Monday morning. By mid-afternoon, turnout for the directly elected seats had hit 23.26 percent, well ahead of that point in the 2000 election.

Candidates fanned out in last-minute appeals for votes. Some paraded through restaurants, TV news cameras close behind, to seek support from locals eating lunches of dim sum—small Cantonese delicacies. *AP*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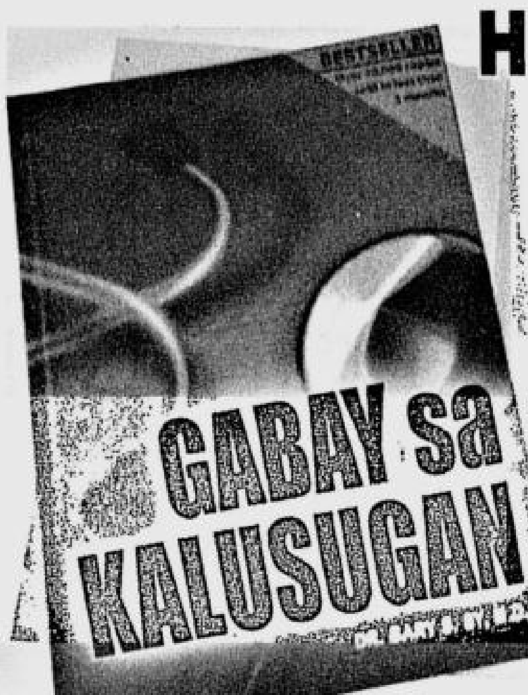

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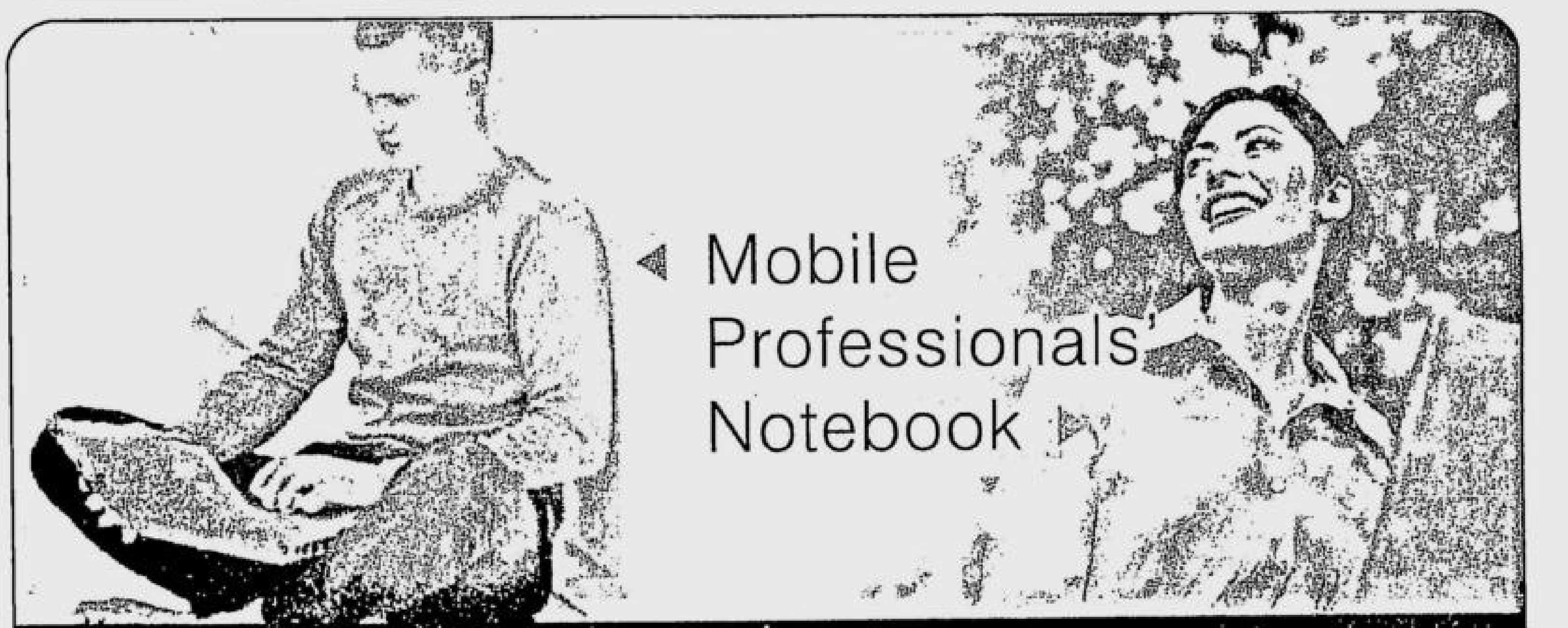

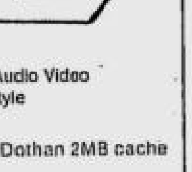

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Indon police warn of more suicide attacks

JAKARTA—Indonesian police warned Sunday of more suicide attacks after a truck bomb killed nine people and wounded more than 170 in front of the Australian Embassy in Jakarta.

"There are many suicide bombers still out there," said a top police official, who refused to be named. "There is the possibility of another attack, but it's difficult to predict where they will strike."

Police said they were searching for two suspected masterminds of Thursday's embassy attack who are still believed to be in Jakarta.

The men are believed to be Malaysians Azahari bin Husin and Noordin Top, who police allege are bomb-makers and key members of the al-Qaida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah terror group, which has been blamed for the attack.

Investigators Sunday reenacted the bombing at the blast site, a routine practice in criminal investigations here. In the bombing, a white delivery van—seen in security camera footage—swerved past a police truck outside the heavily fortified embassy and then exploded.

On Saturday, police said they recovered traces of TNT and sulfur—chemicals used in the embassy bomb—from a Jakarta house rented in July by Azahari and Noordin Top. The man who sold the white van was also being interrogated.

"We are still facing a terrorist threat, especially from Azahari and Noordin Top," said Police Chief Gen. Dai Bachtiar. "We are hunting them down."

Newspapers quoted neighbors as saying four men had rented the house for five days and were seen loading boxes into a pickup truck. They reportedly kept to themselves, venturing out only to pray at a nearby mosque.

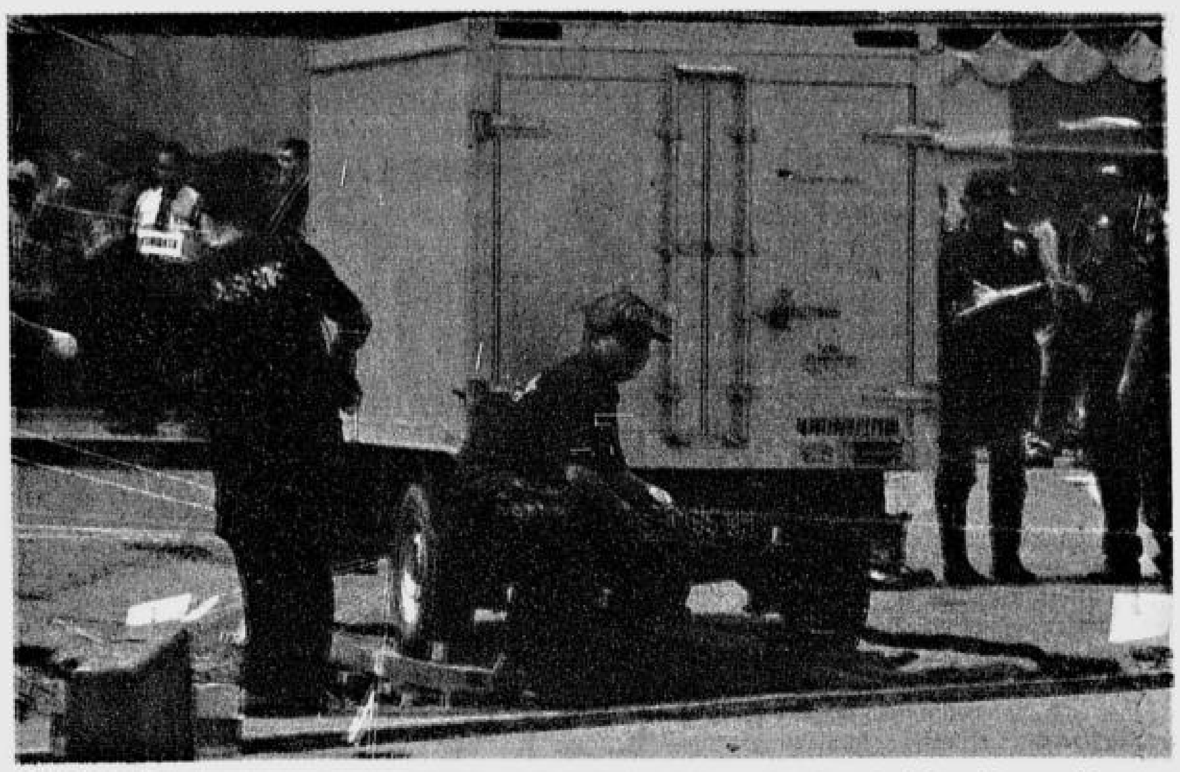
Interrogations of six would-be suicide bombers arrested in late June revealed the pair had recruited militants to launch attacks on Western targets including hotels, banks and embassies, Bachtiar said.

The motive behind Thursday's bombing remains unclear. An Islamic website posted a message claiming Jemaah Islamiyah was responsible, and said the attack was aimed at Australia, who supported the US-led war in Iraq.

Security has been stepped up in Jakarta, with embassies adding guards and barriers, and closing some roads.

The Australian Embassy warned that more attacks "could not be ruled out," and urged Australians to avoid the area around the mission, including the massive Rasuna apartments where a number of Westerners live. The US Embassy e-mailed similar warnings to Americans.

"We've received reports by Americans that there are further threats in that area," Australian Ambassador David Ritchie told reporters. "I would urge residents of that complex to ... take appropriate action, and that could well involve leaving." *AP*



INDONESIAN forensic experts reenact one of the events leading up to Thursday's bombing outside Australian Embassy in Jakarta. AP

Police reconstruct events in Aussie Embassy blast

JAKARTA—Indonesian police Sunday staged a reconstruction of events leading up to a deadly suicide bomb attack on the Australian Embassy in Jakarta as an intense manhunt continued for extremists believed to be planning a second attack.

A small white van identical to the vehicle used to deliver the blast that killed nine people and injured about 180 in Thursday's attack, was placed in front of the embassy in the hope of shedding more light on the investigation.

Meanwhile, police have redoubled efforts to track down suspected members of the Jemaah Islamiyah group believed to be behind the embassy strike. It is feared they are recruiting for a follow-up attack on the Indonesian capital.

Thursday's blast, ahead of elections in Australia and Indonesia, has purportedly been claimed by Jemaah Islamiyah—blamed for the October 2002 Bali bombings—as a warning to Canberra to pull troops out of Iraq.

Australia has announced heavy security measures in response to the threat, while potential targets including Western embassies, hotels, commercial centres and transport hubs around Jakarta have been placed on high alert.

Police hoped the reconstruction using the white van would help them determine how the vehicle was blown apart, giving new clues on the assembly of the bomb, suspected to be the work of fugitive Malaysian extremists. *AFP*

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Monday, September 13, 2004
24th Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: **1 Cor 11:17-26, 33**

Gospel: Lk 7:1-10

When Jesus had finished teaching to the people, he went to Capernaum.

There was a captain whose servant was very sick and near to death, a man very dear to him. So when he heard about Jesus, he sent some elders of the Jews to persuade him to come and save his servant's life. The elders came to Jesus and begged him earnestly, saying, "He deserves this of you, for he loves our people and even built a synagogue for us."

Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the captain sent friends to give this message, "Sir, do not trouble yourself for I am not worthy to welcome you under my roof. You see I didn't approach you myself. Just give the order and my servant will be healed. For I myself, a junior officer, give orders to my soldiers and I say to this one: 'Go,' and he goes; and to the other: 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant: 'Do this,' and he does it."

On hearing these words, Jesus was filled with admiration. He turned and said to the people with him, "I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith." The people sent by the captain went back to his house; there they found that the servant was well.

Commentary

THE "captains" of this translation are the "centurions" of other translations. As the name implies, they were the officers in command of 100 foot-soldiers. In a Roman legion there would be 60 centurions in charge of 6,000 men. In the time of Jesus there were two such legions in Palestine. These 120 men left an entirely favorable impression, according to the gospels-strange for an occupying army! The one in today's reading left more than a good impression; "he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us."

This centurion was also particularly sensitive to Jewish custom. He knew that Jews would not allow Gentiles to enter their houses, nor would they enter the house of a Gentile, so he sent messengers to Jesus. When Jesus came near the house, the centurion said, "Sir, I am not worthy to receive you in my house...." (The centurion Cornelius in Acts 10-also written by Luke-had the same sensitivity, "When Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him.") And still he thought like an army man: in terms of orders being carried out. "I say 'Go!' and he goes!" And he thought that Jesus could just issue an order to the sickness and it would just go, like an army private!

Which goes to show that an army man doesn't have to give his soul to the army; he can be a human being at the same time. Sartre's famous illustration of "bad faith" was an army man who had become an army man body and soul: someone who had found his complete identity in being a soldier. Those New Testament centurions, pagans though they were, have much to teach us about work and humanity.

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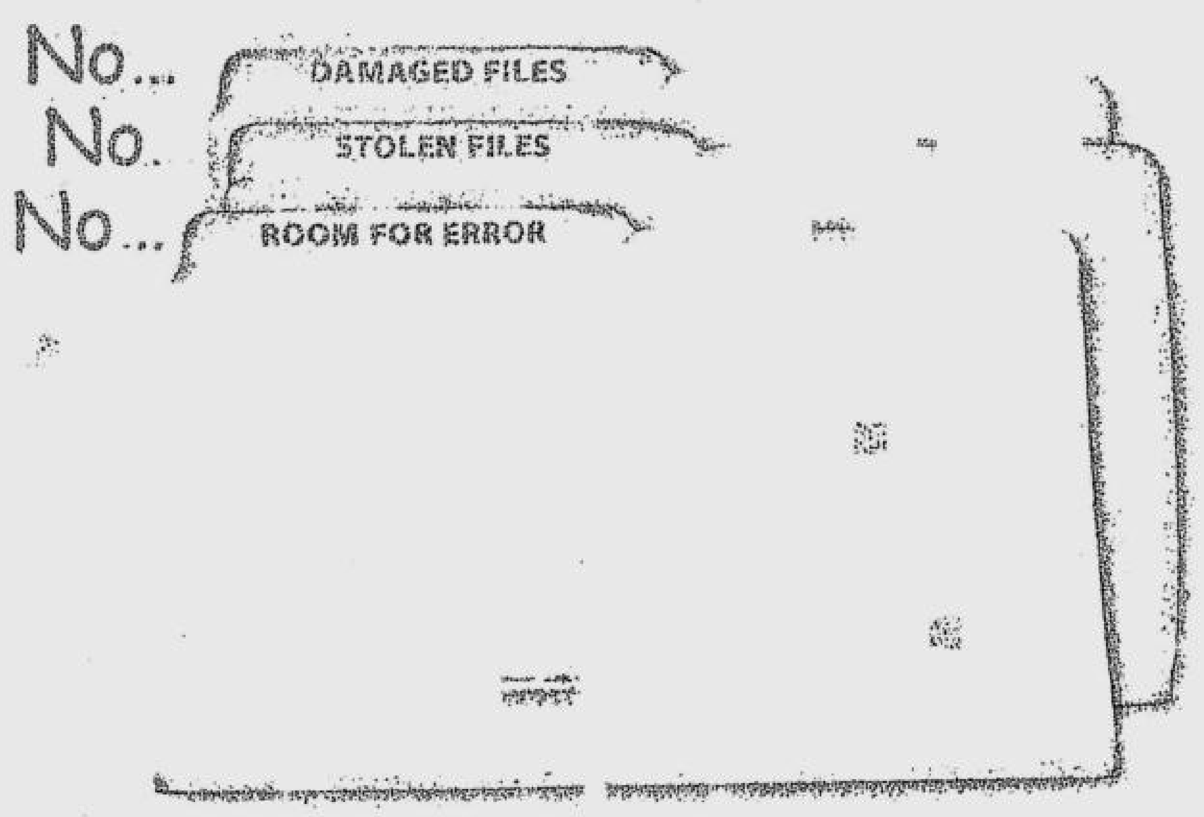

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Arabs accuse US of spreading terrorism threat

CAIRO—Victims of the Sept. 11 attacks were mourned worldwide Saturday, but in the Middle East, Arabs said Washington's support for Israel and the war on terror that began in the aftermath of the World Trade Center's collapse only fueled anger and violence.

From Egypt to Yemen, Arabs said the world had become less safe during the three years since 19 militants from the Middle East hijacked four passenger planes in the United States and used them to kill nearly 3,000 people.

"Sept. 11 was a tragic day in our history because so many innocent people were killed at the hands of militants, who find a fertile ground in our region in view of the biased US policies toward Israel and against Arab causes," said 34-year-old banker Mahmoud Obeid in the Jordanian capital, Amman.

Arabs have long blamed US policies in the Middle East, including Washington's support for Israel in its conflict with the Palestinians, for fomenting the kind of anti-American hatred that could drive people to launch an attack of the magnitude of Sept. 11, 2001, in New York and Washington D.C.

Egyptian columnist Fahmy Howeidy called for critical self analysis from people in the Middle East and Islamic worlds "because those people who committed the Sept. 11 attacks ... were (also) Muslims and Arabs."

"But ... the problem is the Americans don't want to criticize themselves," he told The Associated Press. "They don't look at their policies and mistakes, like the US position toward the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. By defending the terrorism committed by Israel against the Palestinians, they are filling people with anger."

The archbishop of Canterbury, in Egypt to help mend religious rifts, urged Muslims, Christians and Jews to move beyond "the way the faithless world thinks" and reject violent revenge, terror and the killing of innocents.

"If we do act in the same way as our enemies, we imprison ourselves in their anger, their evil," Rowan Williams said during a speech to religious leaders at a top Sunni Muslim center in Cairo.

"We are not forced to act in revengeful ways," added Williams, who was in New York when al-Qaida militants slammed hijacked planes into the World Trade Center's twin towers three years ago. *AP*

Greek Orthodox leader dies in helicopter crash

ATHENS—The Patriarch of Alexandria, Peter VII, one of the most senior figures in the Greek Orthodox Church, was killed on Saturday along with 16 others in a helicopter crash in the Aegean Sea, church and government officials said.

The patriarch, the spiritual leader of Greek Orthodox Christians in Africa, was heading to the Mount Athos monastery in northern Greece, one of the holiest sites in Orthodox Christianity, in an army helicopter when the aircraft disappeared from radar screens.

Military ships and planes launched a rescue operation and found wreckage and bodies in the water 5.5 nautical miles off the Halkidiki peninsula where Mount Athos is located.

Government spokesperson Theodore Roussopoulos said the helicopter had delayed its landing on Mount Athos because the patriarch had asked to first be flown over the site.

Seven bodies had been recovered by late Saturday, but none had so far been officially identified, the military said. A military source said the crash was almost certainly accidental in nature, but that its cause was still unknown.

The Greek government confirmed the death of the 55-year-old patriarch, who was the second most senior figure in the Greek Orthodox Church.

Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis expressed his "deep pain" at the death and said the crash was a "great loss for the Orthodox church, Hellenism, and the armed forces." Monsignor Christodoulos, head of the Greek Orthodox Church, spoke of his "great pain" following the accident, which took place about two hours into the flight to Mount Athos.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan was saddened to learn of the death and sent his condolences to the families of the crash victims and to the Greek Orthodox community, his spokesperson said.

Sixteen other people were on board the Greek army Chinook helicopter: the patriarch's brother, several Alexandrian and other Orthodox clerics, and five crew members.

An Australian, Bishop Nektarios of Madagascar, was among the dead, the foreign ministry said.

Greek Defense Minister Spilios Spiliotopoulos said rescuers were still recovering bodies from the sea among the helicopter debris. A ship specialized in underwater searches would arrive at the crash site on Sunday, he added. *AFP*

Hurricane kills at least 56 in Caribbean

BULL BAY, Jamaica—Hurricane Ivan weakened slightly early Sunday after it left behind a trail of destruction in Jamaica and bore down on the Cayman Islands packing winds close to 249 kph, the US National Hurricane Center said.

Ivan has killed 56 people across the Caribbean so far this week, including 34 in Grenada and 11 in Jamaica.

Millions more people are in its path, with the Category 4 hurricane projected to go between the Cayman Islands, make a direct hit on Cuba and then either move into the Gulf of Mexico or hit South Florida.

"If God doesn't help us, I think this is going to be extremely tragic," said Maria del Carmen Boza, a 65-year-old resident of Cojimar, a seaside community in Cuba once frequented by writer Ernest Hemingway. "All of Cuba is worried. This looks like it's going to be really dangerous."

President Fidel Castro sought to assuage such concerns.

"This country is prepared to face this hurricane," Castro said Saturday night on state television, saying his government had mobilized to save lives and property.

Ivan weakened slightly early Sunday as maximum sustained winds decreased from 265 kph to near 249 kph, just below the speed defining a Category 5 hurricane—the most powerful on the Saffir-Simpson scale. But forecasters said fluctuations in strength were "likely" over the next 24 hours and warned that the storm could again intensify from Category 4 to Category 5.

At 5 a.m. EDT Sunday (0900 GMT), Ivan's eye was about 90 km south-southeast of Grand Cayman, a popular offshore banking center where secrecy laws protect transactions. Hurricane-force winds extended 150 km and tropical storm-force winds another 282 km. The storm was moving west-northwest near 15 kph and was expected to move over or very near the Cayman Islands by Sunday afternoon.

The storm could dump up to 30 cm of rain, possibly causing flash floods and mud slides, the Hurricane Center said.

If Ivan hits land in the Caribbean at its current strength, it would be the first Category 5 storm to do so since Hurricane David devastated the Dominican Republic in 1979, said Rafael Mojica, a meteorologist at the Hurricane Center in Miami. Hurricane Mitch was a Category 5 storm in the Caribbean Sea in 1998, but it hit Central America. *AP*

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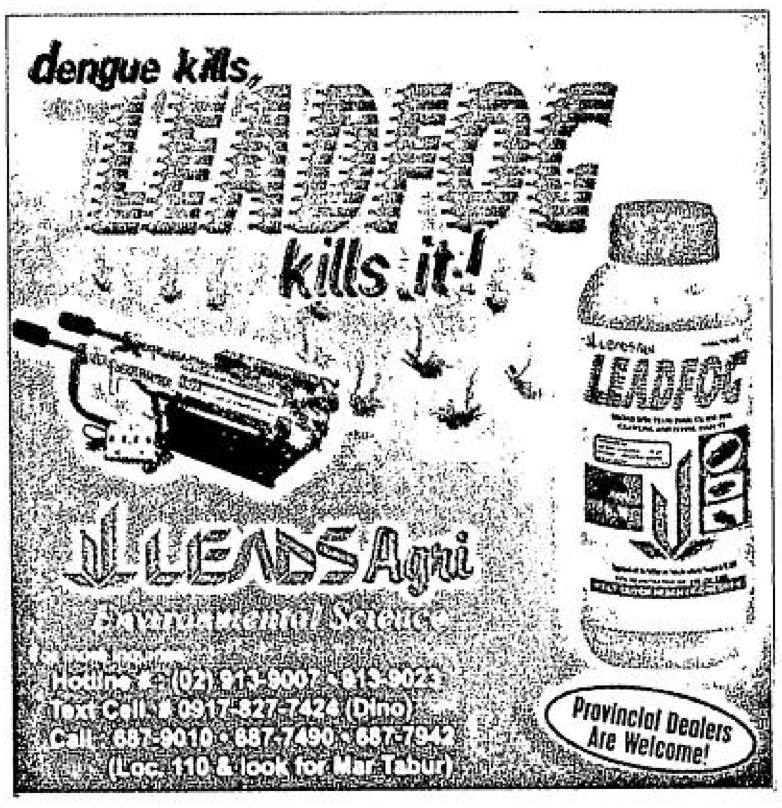
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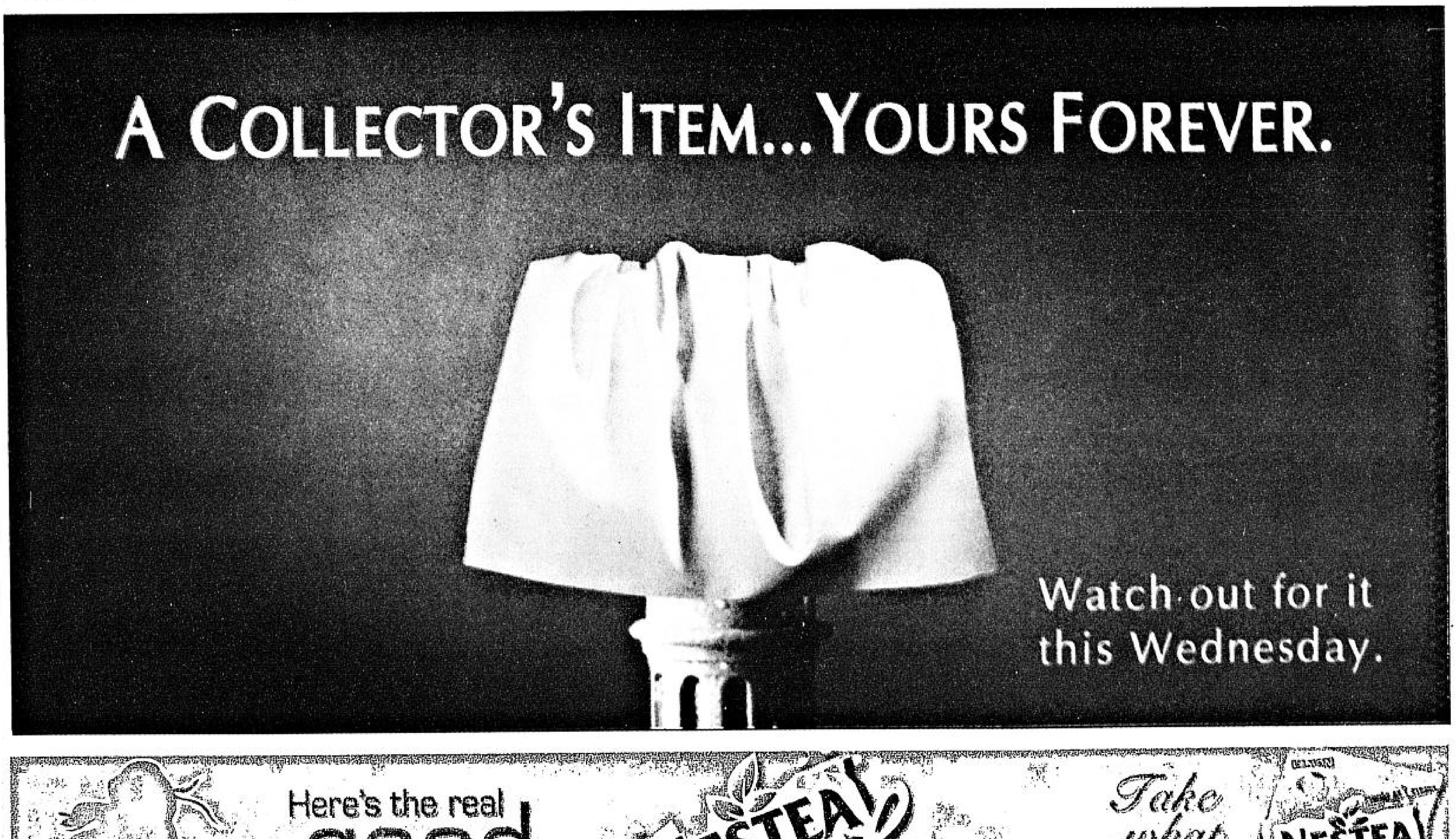
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Booby-trapped cars

THE CAR bomb that exploded outside the Australian Embassy in Jakarta last Thursday was not the first to target Australians. Sadly, it won't be the last.

The Jemaah Islamiyah posting that claimed responsibility for the bombing spoke of more attacks against Australian targets in the future. "This is only the first reply of many replies that are coming, God willing, which is why we advise all Australians in Indonesia to leave it or else we will make it their graveyard, God willing."

The message (an edited version can be found on www.theaustralian.news.com.au) suggested more "martyrdom operations" in graphic terms: "The columns of booby-trapped cars will not end and the lists of martyrs are still full and will not end."

The JI claim justified the attack, which killed nine Indonesians and injured 180 others, as retaliation for Australia's participation in the invasion and occupation of Iraq, but an SMS message received by the Indonesian police some 45 minutes before the bombing gave another reason: the group wanted its leader, the cleric Abu Bakar Bashir, freed from jail.

There is no reason to doubt that both justifications are equally relevant; that is to say, that each, by itself, explains the latest act of terror. The Jemaah Islamiyah—the deadly al-Qaida-linked group that seeks to establish a pan-Islamic fundamentalist state in Southeast Asia through whatever means—sees the US-led occupation of Iraq as an attack on Islam itself, at least as the group understands it. The detention of Bashir, their spiritual leader, is another such provocation; for all practical purposes, he is already a martyr, inspiring more martyrs.

To be sure, many of the top leaders of the JI, as in the case of al-Qaida itself, have been arrested or killed. But, also like al-Qaida, the JI is a movement of martyrs that replenishes itself on the blood of its suicide bombers. JI's loose network of schools and camps and safehouses, some of which are reportedly based in parts of Mindanao, continues to gather more recruits and produce more holy warriors. As last week's bomb attack proved, the JI may be on the run, but it remains a potent threat.

It is for this very reason that many in Canberra criticized Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer for bad-mouthing the Philippines last July, after Malacañang's decision to withdraw the Philippine contingent from Iraq. The two countries are both victims of JI violence, and they need to continue cooperating closely. Undiplomatic language only gets in the way.

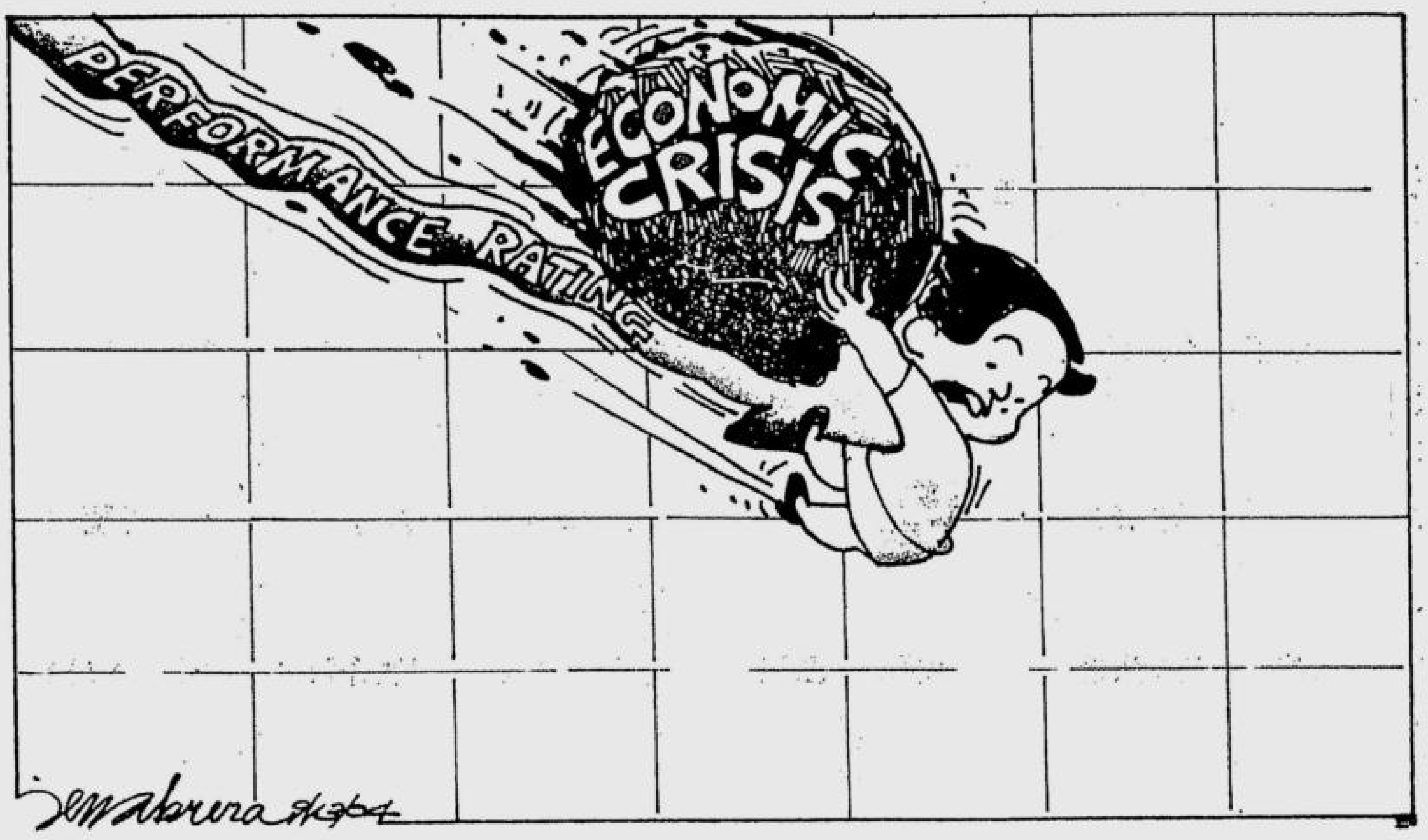
But collaborative police and intelligence work is only half the story. It isn't enough to catch the martyrs before the bomb is lit; the allies in the international war on terror must work together to root out the causes that lead to the making of martyrs in the first place.

In a larger war

ACTS of terrorism are skirmishes in a larger war; they are battles in the war of ideas and images. There is deliberate symbolism in the timing of the Jakarta attack, just days before the third anniversary of the September 11 strike. (The Bali bombing, which killed 202 victims, including 88 Australian citizens and three Australian residents, was another such symbolic battle; it took place a year, a month, and a day after the first anniversary of 9/11.)

But there is also an element of political calculation. The Australian federal elections will be held a month from now, and Australia's role in the so-called Coalition of the Willing is a critical election issue. The al-Qaida railway bombings in Madrid last March led directly to the ouster of Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar's pro-United States government. The Jakarta bombing seeks to do the same: to roil the political waters, to start a wave of sympathy and revulsion and outrage strong enough to sweep Australian Prime Minister John Howard's government out of power.

What does all this mean? Terrorists have grown more cunning. They now have a better feel for where the democracies are most vulnerable: in the very political exercise that marks them as democratic—the conduct of elections. Through well-timed acts of terror, they now seek to decide the outcome of the vote.



Nobody to blame but GMA for fiscal crisis

As I See It

Neal H. Cruz

EVERY DAY, public officials become more inventive in stealing more money from the people. And officials of the Arroyo administration are more inventive than the others. Instead of using their talent to think of better ways to serve the country and the people, they use it to think of new ways to enrich themselves at the expense of the people. Here is the latest:

The Department of Transportation and Communication paid P100.8 million to a person for 10 hectares of land to be used for the extension of the airport in Puerto Princesa, Palawan. What's wrong with that?

Nothing, except that the government paid for the land that it already owns. The land is part of the public domain. And its description clearly says that. The person who sold and signed the absolute deed of sale does not own the land. Yet government paid him P100.8 million for it.

In fairness to the present DOTC secretary, this scam was consummated by a predecessor. The money had been paid but the Arroyo administration, which admits that it is running out of money and keeps repeating that it will stop graft and corruption, has not done anything to get back the money nor prosecute those involved in the scam. More details will be revealed in today's Kapihan sa Manila.

The Puerto Princesa deal is only the first of six similar deals lined up by the DOTC. The lands to be acquired will be used either for new airports or to expand existing ones. Luckily, the others have not yet been consummated when the first one was discovered. But it shows very clearly why the government is bankrupt—the money is going to the wrong pockets.

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"Don't blame President Macapagal-Arroyo for the hard times," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye was quoted as saying yesterday after the Social Weather Stations came out with its most recent survey showing a huge drop in her net performance rating.

The results showed her net performance rating plunging from +30 in March and +26 in June to a mere +12 in August. This means that more and more people are dissatisfied with her performance.

But leave it to Bunye to always see the bright side. "The economic problems may have weighed down her ratings," he said, "but a positive 12 percent still showed solid acceptance for the President." Bunye is the kind of person who, instead of seeing a glass half-empty, he sees it half-full.

But this takes the cake. The economic crisis "should not be blamed on the President," he said, "because all that (she) did was to tell the truth about our situation and she is looking for a solution to this crisis."

False. But to be fair to him, I think he is just doing his job as best as he can—which is to try to put his boss in the best possible light.

But he is wrong. In the first place, GMA did not tell the whole truth about what happened. In the second place, there is nobody to blame for the economic crisis but herself. The usual excuse of new presidents is to blame their predecessors. But in her case, she preceded herself. The mess worsened in her first three years because of her all-consuming desire to be reelected to a new term—although she had promised not to run for reelection.

She ordered the National Power Corp. to cut its purchased power adjustment (PPA) by 85 centavos per kilowatt hour to make herself popular with the voters, never mind if the reduction entailed huge losses to the power firm. Now we are paying for those huge losses. Because of that electioneering gimmick, Napocor's debts ballooned to P1.3 trillion, the government's single biggest liability.

Now that the elections are over and she does not need votes anymore, she is hitting the people with a double whammy. Aside from making the taxpayers pay for Napocor's debts, she raised Napocor's power rates. In short, while paying for higher electricity rates from one pocket, the taxpayer will have to dig into the other pocket to pay for Napocor's accumulated debts.

During her first term, she refused to raise taxes to pay for the growing budget deficit and national debt because that would have been unpopular. She resorted to a borrowing binge instead and hid the truth from the people. In her first three years as President, she borrowed more money than her two predecessors did put together. Now her sins have caught up with us.

Now that she has been reelected and can no longer run for another term, she is going to raise taxes and impose new ones. Never mind if the already impoverished people will be angry. After, all she does not need their votes anymore. Instead of saving money by abolishing the corrupt and wasteful pork barrel and by reducing the salaries and allowances of officials of government corporations that are losing money like a sieve, she would rather hit the people with more taxes.

That is the truth about what happened which she did not tell the people. There is nobody to blame for the economic crisis but GMA. She brought it on herself more than any other person.

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The gossip mill is humming with the interesting story about the motel magnate and GMA-appointed ambassador whose former live-in partner had charged him with rape, attempted murder and serious illegal detention. Some stories say he has been convicted; others say he has been cleared. I have been asked many times about it—as if journalists know everything.

To find out the truth, I went to the Department of Justice to look at the records of the case, and I now return with good news for Ambassador to Laos Antonio Cabangon Chua and bad news for his partner: the DOJ has dismissed all cases. Furthermore, the charges filed with the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission have been dismissed by Malacañang.

'Necessary evil'

There's the Rub

Conrado de Quiros

I REMEMBER that Bobi Tiglao dismissed the Ibon version of that finding by saying the group never published its methodology. As though the other survey organizations—Social Weather Stations and Pulse Asia in particular—did. But comes now the SWS corroborating Ibon's finding:

Most Filipinos believe Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo won the elections by cheating.

Specifically, 23 percent of SWS' respondents said they believed Fernando Poe Jr. and Loren Legarda were "definitely cheated" and 32 percent said they believed the two were "probably cheated." That makes 55 percent of the population believing GMA (and Noli de Castro) cheated in the elections, to the extent that the SWS' sample represents the population reasonably accurately.

The SWS itself admitted a couple of months or so ago to making some very wrong predictions about the elections, which is at least a B+ for honesty. Those mistakes, of course, are more than a matter of passing academic interest since pre-election surveys do more than just predict outcomes, they influence them. Surveys have become the biggest advertising gimmick for candidates, something that's bound to get worse in the future. Some rules are needed there. But that's another story.

Ignacio Bunye bristles at this revelation and says: "The polls on cheating are a throwback to the past. The Presidential Electoral Tribunal has already taken jurisdiction over the issues. We have to shed off these perceptions and get on with the difficult task at hand."

Pray, why is ferreting out the public's perception about whether we have the right president or not a thing of the past? Unless, of course, Bunye means to suggest that honesty or the search for the truth is now dead and buried. He himself says we face a difficult task at hand, which is dealing with an impending collapse of the economy. Now surely, it helps in facing a difficult task at hand that we know we have the president we voted for? Indeed, surely it helps in facing the wilderness that we know the person who is leading us out of it is not chronically given to lying and cheating?

I myself have no doubt GMA cheated in the elections. That is patent. The only question in my mind is the extent to which it affected the elections. That is the only thing that remains arguable. But the fact that she cheated in them must make the entire exercise suspect, with disastrous consequences for the future.

You do not have to dig deeply for signs of cheating, the thing was done barefacedly. Four of them easily leap to mind: Benjamin Abalos (he didn't just bungle the mandate to computerize canvassing through ineptitude, he did so through criminal complicity, yet he was retained); the use of government funds to put up billboards and ads (on election day itself Honeygirl de Leon was on TV relentlessly pitching for her boss); the statistical improbability that was the Cebu tally (giving GMA a bigger margin over FPJ than in her own province of Pampanga); and Raul Gonzalez's and Francis Pangilinan's railroading of the Senate counting (the word "noted" will never be the same again; no wonder Gonzalez got an instant promotion).

No, I am not amazed that the SWS has confirmed Ibon's revelation. You can fool all Filipinos some of the time and some Filipinos all the time, but you can't fool all Filipinos all the time.

I am amazed, however, by one thing. That is the equanimity with which we are taking all this. Elsewhere, news like this would be greeted with angry editorials and calls for the President to resign. Or at least for a full-blown investigation to be made. Here, we've met the news with a shrug of the shoulders and mutterings of "what else is new?" Truly, every day raises the bar in our capacity to tolerate iniquity.

What is especially frightening here is that our lack of outrage does not come from ignorance but from tolerance. GMA has gotten away with murder in several instances because of public complicity, particularly of the more influential sectors of society, including the businessmen and the intelligentsia. The cheating in the elections happened in the first place because those sectors agreed that it was all right for GMA to cheat to prevent a "greater evil," which was FPJ becoming president. The intelligentsia—a most ironic word—was willing to turn a blind eye to the rape of sovereign will for expedience's sake.

The same appeal to expedience is bound to be used again to stymie any public protest against the cheating in the elections, if at all that protest erupts. Bunye's argument indicate so: "We have to shed off these perceptions and get on with the difficult task at hand." That is going to be the official line: Let's forget about the cheating, what's done is done. Let's concentrate on the coming storm and rally around our president. That is the logical continuation of the previous line, though never articulated, which was: "We have to shed off our inhibitions about screwing the vote and get on with the difficult task of preventing FPJ from winning." Both trot out the bogey of a "greater evil" to justify a clear and present one.

In fact, the only way we can deal with the difficult task at hand is for us to stop shedding our scruples about wrongdoing. The concept of a "necessary evil" is the most dangerous thing in the world. The only thing worse than financial bankruptcy is moral bankruptcy. We already have the second, the first is waiting round the corner.

We want to deal with the difficult task at hand, we need a leader who is honest, upright, and forthright, not one who lies, cheats and steals. We want to survive the crisis, we need a necessary good, not a necessary evil.

Even if that has to take the form of another Edsa.

Stunning move

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

THE ADAGE about adversity bringing out the best in people recently proved itself again to be true with some recent developments. Last Tuesday, leaders of various political parties in the House of Representatives met with Speaker Jose de Venecia in an "emotional" caucus, during which they agreed to scrap the pork barrel system from the 2005 national budget. Though they still have to submit their unprecedented proposal to their partymates later this week for approval, they said it is as good as carried.

JDV, very much in his element, eloquently stressed how the House has taken "the moral ground and political high ground" in this time of financial crisis, by ensuring complete transparency and accountability in all government transactions.

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For a long while now, House members have been smarting from public criticisms of their "greed" for pork—how it has been the principal source of their political power, but alas, also of corruption in Congress, as it encourages kickbacks. Last Tuesday, the House leaders pulled the rug from under the critics' feet—they abolished the pork barrel system entirely. Before that, only about 80 House members had agreed to give up 40 percent of their pork.

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It now behooves the Senate to also seize the same high ground so the move will have the force of law. I see no problem. Even before the House initiative, several senators, led by Senate President Franklin Drilon, had given up their pork entirely. Joker Arroyo has not touched pork from his days in the House; Panfilo Lacson has given up his pork in the past two years.

Significantly, President Macapagal-Arroyo, who seemed happy to see Congress giving up 50 percent of its pork barrel funds, had earlier said she'd match whatever Congress gives up. Now she has to let go of P20 billion.

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In scrapping the pork, the House leaders agreed on two things that would enhance transparency and accountability: to push the "line budgeting system" in the proposed P907 billion General Appropriations Act for 2005; and to enforce the E-Procurement Act, authored principally by JDV a year and a half ago. To appreciate line-budgeting, it should be kept in mind that, over the past years, the senators have automatically gotten their P200 million individual pork and the House members their individual P65 million as lump sum items in the budget. While it's true that they don't get their allocations in cash, Congress members are automatically assured of those amounts in the budget for public works, agriculture or health projects. But under the line-budgeting system, every project will now be listed in the budget, including the price, and the lawmakers will have to defend and justify it. If they can't defend it, they don't get it. One drawback is that it could take even longer to pass the budget as every line will be scrutinized; but with enough determination Congress should overcome. The greater advantage is that wastage of taxpayers' money could be removed.

This system will be greatly aided by the E-Procurement Act, since public works projects will be bidden out via the electronic system and will be open to everyone, thus precluding collusion with suppliers and contractors.

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Earlier I expressed curiosity as to why Sen. Miriam Santiago is conducting an "exposé" of the Smokey Mountain project and attacking the alleged connection between former President Ramos and businessman Reghis Romero only now. Some pundits opine that this could have been spurred by a confluence of political and business factors. Aside from the feisty *senadora's* unabashed animosity toward her old rival, some pundits opine that the call for a Senate inquiry into one of FVR's pet projects during his term could have been instigated to undermine his credibility and reduce his sphere of influence.

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But others also speculate that the negative publicity may have a "business side" to it. Could it be part of an emerging "port war" in the Port of Manila involving industry giants International Container Terminal Services Inc. (ICTSI) and Asian Terminals Inc. (ATI), on the one hand, against new player Harbour Center Port Terminal (HCPT)? Some believe ICTSI and ATI are opposing HCPT's application for a permit to operate a commercial port with authority to service international and domestic vessels, on the ground that this would affect the financial viability of their own port operations. HCPT now has 98 percent of the non-containerized cargo that the two old players used to share. HCPT is now gearing up for the handling business. Behind HCPT is the RII Builders of Romero.

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I must confess that when my friend Ody Gregorio-Arroyo called to brief me on the current visit of the Archbishop Emeritus of Birmingham, Maurice Couve de Murville of the Order of Malta, I thought the Order is a kind of award or decoration. Ody laughed and pointed out that the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Rhodes and Malta dates back to the 11th century and the great crusades. She noted that the Order's "Philippine Association" has been serving the sick and the poor for 50 years through the operation of the Malta Clinic, which distributes medicine to medical missions throughout the country. It's also involved with five hospices and homes for the poor and displaced in Metro Manila.

Ody says Fr. Maurice is here to share with the members of the Order his vast knowledge of its history as well as to enhance their spiritual formation. He stresses humility and simplicity, virtues that are particularly relevant to the current economic, political and social situation in this country.

Conduct unbecoming

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO

Noralyn Mustafa

I AM suffering from an oppressive malaise which is threatening to become an epidemic: national depression.

For the first time in our history as a nation, our government has been reduced to mendicancy, begging from its own citizens and resorting to airborne robbery.

Even nature has been unkind to us. Torrents from the heavens flooded thousands out of their homes, causing so much misery—you wonder whether they are more fortunate than those whose lives were drowned out of their wretched bodies.

And in the midst of it, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo takes along her brother-in-law, her sons, their wives, their babies and their *yayas* on a state visit to China, for no plausible reason, at all, except probably to shop for silks and jades, leaving behind the little hungry children of flood victims to roam the streets begging.

But as her press secretary Ignacio Bunye keeps telling us, "look at the positive side" of that trip, which are: signing a deal that will give away some of our patrimony, especially use of our fishing grounds to the long-awakened giant, threatening the already threatened livelihood of thousands of small fishermen; more loans that we will have to pay sooner than later; funds to build a railroad that will displace thousands whose homes along the route of the tracks will be bulldozed sooner than later.

This is not to mention Vietnam's anxiety over that bilateral agreement she signed with China regarding the Spratlys. Which is really scary because Lea Salonga is now too old and too married to play "Miss Manila."

All in the same week, she flew in style to Brunei to attend the wedding of the Crown Prince, landing there in a luxurious Lear Jet, making even the United Kingdom's Duke of Gloucester, who took a commercial flight, eat his heart out, poor bloke.

Now who among those more than 2,000 world leaders and royals would ever guess that Ms Arroyo is the president of a country where mothers now sell their children because their husbands have run out of blood, kidneys, eyes, teeth and other body parts to sell?

In fairness to Ms Arroyo, she did prepare for that trip, turning her seventh "Pulong ng Bayan ni Pangulong Gloria" (other royals should take note of how she is now addressed, first names after titles being heretofore the exclusive nomenclature of monarchies) on the eve of her trip to Brunei.

I had earlier resolved never again to watch her *"pulong-pulong,"* knowing how unpleasant an auditory experience they can be, especially those unscripted outbursts that the media have indulgently called "the famous temper," but which my psychologist-friend said is really a defense mechanism or compensatory aggressive behavior to cover up acute feelings of insecurity caused by perceived deficiencies, either mental or physical. In simple terms, she concluded, it is a manifestation of emotional immaturity, or low EQ.

But for this one, I broke that vow and sat through it for a very personal reason. This was because that particular *pulong* was set in Mindanao and on a Muslim motif. Ms Arroyo even dressed for it, coming garbed in a blouse of Maranao weave, and it was held at Barangay Sultan Esmail in Dasmariñas, Cavite with Muslim leaders and NGO workers in attendance.

And it was an impressive presentation too, showing a bright picture of development and progress in Mindanao, marred only by Ms Arroyo's annoying habit of interrupting speakers in mid-sentence to say something silly. Like when a guest introduced himself as representing the 16 royal houses of Lanao, she butted in, declaring that "Sulu is one of the royal houses of Lanao," even repeating this remarkable information for the more ignorant among the televiewers.

Characteristically, she put in a bit of *intriga*: how the people of Zamboanga City were so hostile to the shiploads of *halaw* from Sabah that arrived at their port.

As it turned out, most if not all, of the projects reflected on those maps and charts were being undertaken by private individuals and NGOs, working quietly on their own initiative, funded by foreign sources.

The province of Sulu is celebrating this week its 614th anniversary of local governance and public administration, based on the year 1390, when there existed the two powerful kingdoms of Lu'uk and Mahala (the East and West Kingdoms of Sulu referred to in Chinese annals).

Rajah Baginda established law and order in these islands through a governing structure that consolidated small kingdoms, which subsequently evolved into a sultanate by the time his son-in-law, Syed Abubakar, was proclaimed Sultan Sharif'ul Hashim in the year 1450.

This makes the Sulu Sultanate just about two centuries younger than that of Brunei, from where both Rajah Baginda and Abubakar reportedly came. Which is why when the ancestor of Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah was threatened with an attack on his kingdom, it was to the Sultan of Sulu that he appealed for help.

The attack was repelled by the Tausug warriors, although hundreds lost their lives. The Brunei sultan then gave the territory of North Borneo to the Sultan of Sulu as a sign of gratitude and as reimbursement for the expenses incurred in fitting an entire fleet with men and materiel.

North Borneo, now Sabah, was given in exchange for the blood of our ancestors, which is why the Tausugs will never give it up.

Which makes me wonder why, if Ms Arroyo could bring along Lucio Tan and her daughters-in-law to China, she did not invite the Sultan and our own royals, the living links to the Sultanate of Brunei, to that wedding.

Maybe because she thinks Sulu is Lanao?

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Dangerous articles

THE LONG VIEW

Manuel L. Quezon III

WHAT surprises me is not that Rep. Antonio Diaz of Zambales has threatened to resign from the House of Representatives; it is the possibility that his resignation might be illegal, a possibility raised by an unnamed justice department source citing Book II, Chapter 6 ("Other Offenses or Irregularities by Public Officers") of the Revised Penal Code, specifically, Art. 234 thereof, which reads: "*Refusal to discharge elective office.* The penalty of *arresto mayor* or a fine not exceeding 1,000 pesos, or both, shall be imposed upon any person who, having been elected by popular election to a public office, shall refuse without legal motive to be sworn in or to discharge the duties of said office."

The operative words in Diaz's case would be "legal motive." By his actions and statements, can Diaz assert he possesses any "legal motive" to relinquish his office? Or might it be argued that he cannot resign merely for the reason that he was unable to get the position of deputy speaker in the House?

Not being a lawyer, I haven't the vaguest idea of how "legal motive" might be interpreted. But I would like to suggest that not just Art. 234, but all the other three articles of Book II's Chapter 6 should be revisited.

These articles penalize the following:

Art. 231. *Open disobedience.* "Any judicial or executive officer who shall openly refuse to execute the judgment, decision or order of any superior authority made within the scope of the jurisdiction of the latter and issued with all the legal formalities."

Art. 232. *Disobedience to order of superior officers, when said order was suspended by inferior officer.* "Any public officer who, having for any reason suspended the execution of the orders of his superiors, shall disobey such superiors after the latter have disapproved the suspension."

Art. 233. *Refusal of assistance.* "Public officer who, upon demand from competent authority, shall fail to lend his cooperation towards the administration of justice or other public service, if such failure shall result in serious damage to public interest, or to a third party."

All four articles seem to me dangerous articles indeed. They are relics of colonialism.

Recall that the Revised Penal Code is an old law. It is Act No. 3815, approved by the Philippine Legislature on Dec. 8, 1930. In those days—up to July 4, 1946, in fact—all Filipino officials took an oath of allegiance to the United States government and pledged to uphold its "supreme authority" in the Philippines, as a condition to accepting, holding, and discharging any office.

It is in the light—the duty to uphold American sovereignty—that the above-quoted provisions must be viewed. They are designed to strengthen the legal grounding of foreign rule; they are not in keeping with a modern independent nation.

To be more specific, Articles 231, 232 and 233 with refusing to obey orders. Beyond the obvious intent of the articles—to prevent Filipinos from disobeying the American governor-general or subverting the apparatus of the colonial government—the articles fail to take into account the lessons of World War II. The Nuremberg, Tokyo and Manila war crimes trials all led to the widespread adoption of the principle that an order, even if legal, should not be followed if it contravenes morality. For example, German and Japanese officers were sent to the gallows because their argument that they "were just following orders" was not accepted as a valid defense.

Art. 231 sounds as if it could have been written by the Nazis: as long as a superior issues an order "with all the legal formalities," it must be obeyed by an inferior official. This is the sort of rigid requirement of law that led to martial law with all its trappings of "presidential decrees" and "letters of instruction."

Art. 234, too, is quite obviously a legacy of colonialism because it does not permit the refusal to hold or relinquish office on the basis of conscience. This is the sort of legal requirement that is useful, even necessary, to an occupying power; but not the sort of thing the law arms an independent government with.

I can think of many reasons why a person would want to decline to assume office, or to surrender it. I would like to find out how much latitude the law allows a person to exercise his or her conscience when it comes to holding—or letting go of—a public office. If you don't think you can do any good, should you hold on to a position any moment longer? If you believe a government, possessing and exercising—"with all the legal formalities"—power or a mandate your conscience cannot and should not accept, shouldn't you refuse to serve or simply quit? Some people may argue that once elected (and presumably, after having made the effort to run and campaign in the first place), one must serve; just as when asked by the president, he must, even in an appointive capacity.

This raises the question of duty. Do you have the duty to serve, even when you feel, for whatever reason, that your usefulness has come to an end? Senators leave the Senate all the time to take up appointive positions. What of the voters who elected them? If senators can quit, why can't representatives, even if they quit out of pique? These questions may not be too serious in a relatively free democratic system, though they were burning questions during the Japanese occupation and during martial law. The fact, though, that they are still being asked and debated up to the present time is disturbing.

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Illegal reprints

READERS' ADVOCATE

Raul J. Palabrica

SOMETIME in the past, I wrote about the letter of a reader calling attention to a newspaper in Canada, managed by a Filipino-Canadian, that publishes the contents of the INQUIRER without acknowledging its source.

I pointed out that only newspapers or media outlets that have syndication agreements with the INQUIRER are authorized to reprint the newspaper's editorial materials. I warned the freeloaders of the adverse legal consequences of their action.

From the latest information that I have gathered, it looks like some newspapers in North America that have for their target market readers with Philippine roots are engaged in the same activity again. News reports, columns, features stories, and, sometimes, photos are being lifted from the INQUIRER's website, INQ7.net, and reprinted without the latter's permission.

The materials are being passed off as the work of the staff of the community newspapers. Interestingly, the people behind these publications proudly claim that they are veteran or respected journalists in the Philippines before they migrated to their chosen country.

Apparently, the change in environment and cultural values has made the publishers forget the journalist's time-honored tradition of respecting their peers' rights of ownership over their work. Before intellectual property rights became today's buzzword, plagiarism was already considered a capital sin in the newspaper industry.

Authorized reprints

For the information of readers who may chance upon newspapers containing materials that originally come from the INQUIRER, here's the list of the companies that have entered into syndication or reprinting agreements with the INQUIRER:

- Global Vision
- Ocean Link
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- ProQuest
- Factiva
- Ace Magicbox
- Philippine News
- Financial Times
- Manila Bulletin USA
- Philippine Fiesta
- Philippine and Other Asian Headlines
- Philippine Times
- Filipino Guardian
- MSN Philippines

Only the parties mentioned above are authorized to reprint the editorial content of the INQUIRER in their publications or information materials. Thus, if the newspaper where an INQUIRER article appears is not included in the list, it is reasonable for the reader to doubt the validity of the reprint.

The INQUIRER will appreciate getting information from the readers about newspapers here and abroad that are engaged in the illegal reprint of its materials so it can take the necessary action to protect its intellectual property rights.

Unsolicited donation

Going to another subject matter, last Sept. 2, in the course of the 5th annual convention in Tagaytay City of the Asian Association of School Human Resource Management and Development Practitioners, the hat was passed around by the 180 participants to assist the government in its fiscal problems.

A total of P9,790 was collected. A check for the same amount was then sent to the INQUIRER by the association's officials with the note that "we are coursing it through your newspaper since we trust that with you as a medium, this token of the educators' concern for the country will reach the right office. Thank you so much for being a trustworthy medium, a refreshing thought indeed."

Although surprised by the unexpected gesture, the newspaper accepted the donation and promised to forward it to the proper office after the Department of Finance shall have issued the guidelines on the handling of donations of this nature.

The acceptance of the donation should not be interpreted, however, as an encouragement or solicitation for similar contributions to help ease the country's financial woes.

Not that the newspaper does not want to participate in that noble endeavor, but it does not have the personnel and facilities to handle or manage monetary contributions from the public for an undertaking of this nature.

To live up to its responsibilities as a good corporate citizen, the INQUIRER prefers to work in partnership with reputable NGOs or civic organizations to accomplish specific social objectives.

On those occasions where the INQUIRER seeks financial assistance for people suffering from medical problems, it asks that the donations be sent directly to a particular bank account or a representative of the needy party.

In any event, the INQUIRER appreciates the trust and confidence the educators have given it.

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THEY SAID

Black hole

"The GOCCs (government-owned and -controlled corporations) have become the black hole that sucks government revenues from more pressing social and capital services in the past years."

—Rep. Joey Salceda who blamed the worsening fiscal problems to the GOCCs' profligate spending

Beyond Cinderella

"I lived a Cinderella life. Now I realize that life is much more than that."

—Jailed ex-Hong Kong socialite Remedios Bueno-Condy said after her release from prison

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Bayanihan Fund should be handled by non-politicians

THE MOVEMENT to help government pay its debts with private donations is highly commendable. Never before had "a patriotic fund-raising drive" become more urgent. However, there are no signs that the undertaking is picking up and on its way to success. There is only the lukewarm response from the general public. The so-called "bandwagon" effect is simply not there.

To get the critical mass support and succeed, the Bayanihan Fund movement, initiated by Speaker Jose de Venecia, should enlist the assistance of individuals who are beyond reproach—men and women with integrity and credibility; people who are trustworthy, God-fearing, with sincere concern for the poor; and above all, non-politicians. (The success or failure of any undertaking depends on the personality spearheading it.)

There are three persons who meet the above-cited criteria and can easily qualify to take on the role. They have the moral authority to lead, and the "machinery" to undertake the challenge. They are Archbishops Gaudencio Rosales (Luzon and Metro Manila); Ricardo Vidal (Visayas) and Fernando Capalla (Mindanao).

Let's forget about religion and embrace the ecumenical world for the sake of our country and people. Forget about partisanship and ideology, for it is the future of our children and grandchildren that is at stake.

But entrusting the movement—which includes the solicitation and custody of donations—to politicians would be like entrusting the operation of blood banks to Dracula.

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Makati ticketing scheme could lead to confusion

MAKATI Mayor Jejomar Binay's decision to implement a ticketing scheme for Makati City, with penalties and procedures different from those implemented by the Metro Manila Development Authority, could lead to confusion, arguments and anarchy on the road.

Letting people stand in long queues to retrieve confiscated licenses when more efficient procedures exist reflects the arrogance of public servants who think of themselves as public masters. Some officials even seem gleeful watching the long lines, noting that they also serve as punishment.

Either the MMDA has full authority to implement its procedures throughout Metro Manila or it does not. In the latter case, it would be better to dissolve it altogether rather than to let it go on after its position has been undermined.

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Is PVAO still paying for its scholars?

WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S strong drive toward austerity, I am left wondering whether this means that even the scholars of the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office will no longer enjoy guaranteed education, or that their reimbursements will no longer be paid.

My son was a PVAO scholar, a beneficiary of my mother's educational benefit as a veteran. Under the law, he is guaranteed free college education for four years.

Well, the four years were over last year, but I have yet to be reimbursed for the tuition fees that came from my pocket. Out of the eight semesters, the PVAO only paid for two, or three at the most—the rest I painfully shelled out of my own pocket because the school wouldn't allow my son to enroll unless his tuition was paid.

Would someone in the PVAO please be kind enough and enlighten me about this matter?

—EMMER C. DIZON,
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New building won't disturb nature

WE saw on television the concern of environmentalists and artists who object to the construction of a building on Arroceros Street. They argue that it will disturb the artists and the birds.

However, may we inform the public that the proposed building will house the Division of City Schools-Manila which for a long time has suffered the discomfort of cramped offices at the city hall. The education supervisors themselves have appealed that they be housed in just one building for better coordination and functions. At present, they are housed in different schools, namely P. Gomez Elementary, Mabini Elementary and Manila Science High. Recently, the principals of these schools requested that the supervisors' offices be transferred because their student populations have increased and they need the space for classroom purposes.

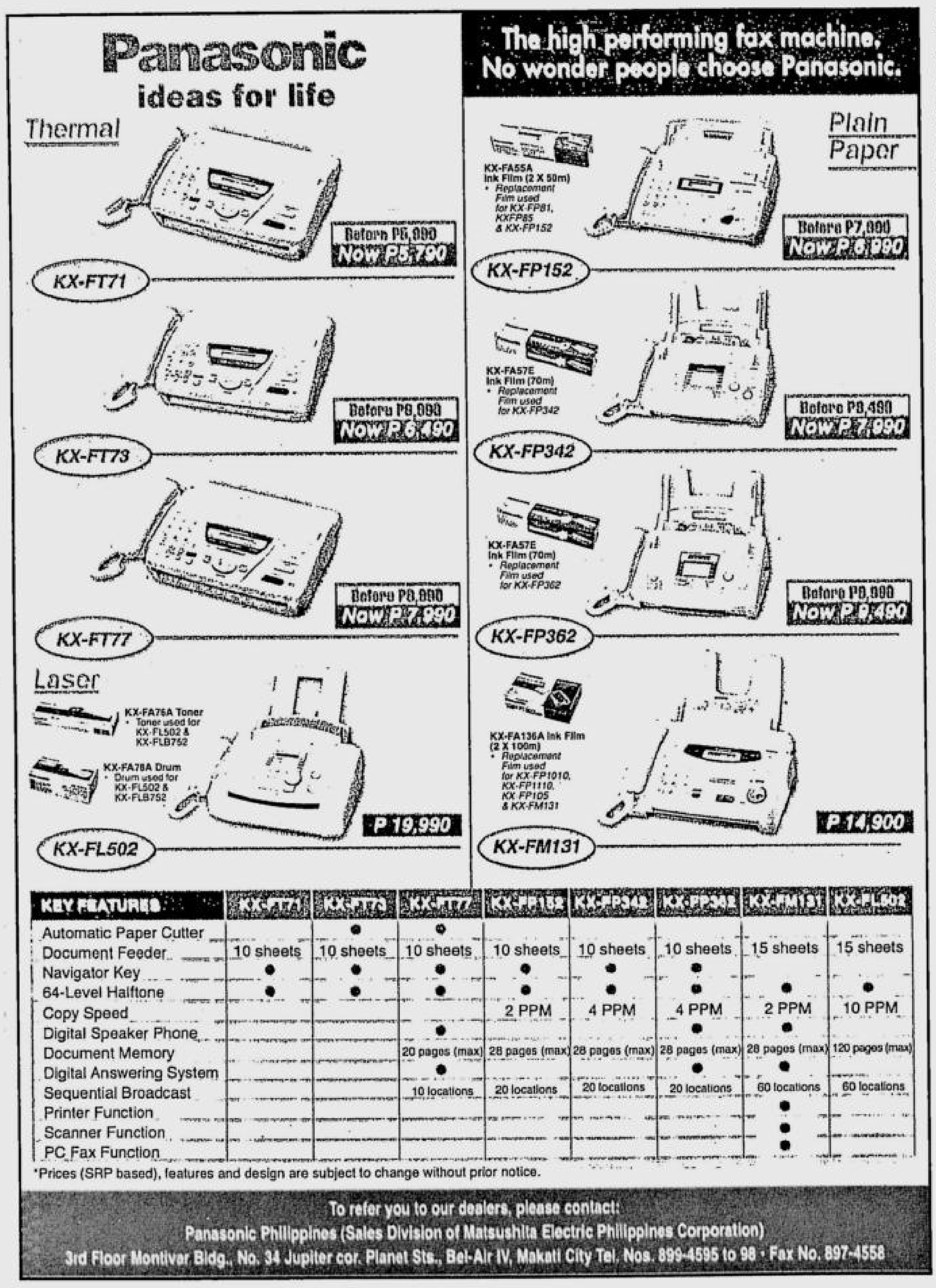
Among the 14 school divisions in the National Capital Region, only DCS-Manila has no building of its own, despite its being in existence for over 106 years.

We would also like to point out that the lot in question is a property of the city government, purchased in 1992 to accommodate a division office, among others. The suggestion to look for another site is out of the question; purchasing another land for the purpose will deplete the fund that has been allotted for other equally important needs of the division's 103 schools. Money has already been spent for the building design. In fact, the city mayor has given instructions that no big trees should be felled when the building is constructed and that the design should blend with the environment. Moreover, the proposed DCS building will occupy only a portion of the lot—an estimated 2,200 sq. m. out of a total land area of 21,000 sq. m. Thus, artists who wish to commune with nature will still have the space they need for their painting sessions or contemplation. They only have to ask for permission to use the place for such sessions from the Office of the Mayor.

The DCS-Manila, in cooperation with the city government, has continuously tried its best to provide its youth with excellent basic education. In keeping with the times, it also desires to provide its supervisors and support personnel with the best work environment.

The fauna may be disturbed but if they could talk, they would not object because they would understand the plight of 40 supervisors, 376 non-teaching personnel and 11,500 teachers, as well as their urgent need for a "nest" which should have been provided them years ago.

—MA. LUISA S. QUIÑONES,
schools division superintendent,
Division of City Schools, Manila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Media's 'hot' penchant

THE GAS calibration project initiated by Quezon City Mayor Sonny Belmonte resulted in many things, not all of them pleasant. Media focused on "dealer-cheaters" and lambasted them on the air before any investigation could be done. National government agencies suddenly "woke up" to implement long dormant rules. A drivers' association is now seeking a harsher punishment for erring dealers.

I think it is important that the issue be studied carefully before innocent gas station dealers are compromised. I do not claim that all gas station dealers are honest, but I feel for some who have been unfairly accused of "cheating." Some are people whom I personally know. They are not the type to take advantage of customers.

True, some pumps malfunction and may misdeliver. The City Hall people, gas companies and Department of Energy can attest this can happen—and not always intentionally.

It is disappointing that when media interview people "in the know" about the current issue, they do not report all the facts and focus instead on sensitive/emotional issues certain to elicit a negative reaction from the public. The news is manipulated to keep viewers tuned in to their channels. *Mandaraya, mandarambong, nang-iisa, mandurugas*—these were the harsh words used in news programs to prejudge the supposedly erring dealers. It is this kind of reporting that stir the masses into believing that businesses are taking advantage of them. Gas dealers and fuel companies are blamed for the rising prices of gasoline, triggering society's collective wrath. The fact that it is a global issue is not given much emphasis—mentioned, yes—or properly explained.

In one interview, a DOE director was given so short an air time that she was unable to inform the public of the truth behind miscalibrations. Was it because clarifying the problem was not a "hot" issue that this DOE director was not given enough time to explain? Is this what we call responsible media reporting?

Media people need the foresight and maturity to realize the consequences of their news reports and commentaries. Both sides of an issue should be reported—at the same time. Even if media try to correct misinformation they have released by eventually airing the other side after the fact, damage has been inflicted and would be difficult—maybe even impossible—to repair.

Media can make or break any person or institution. They are capable of influencing our citizens' thinking. Let us enhance the capacity of our masses to intuit the truth, by letting them make their own judgments based on facts alone.

—SUSANA CALALAY-YÑIGUEZ,
dealer, Petron, Timog, Quezon City

Be careful with 'hanga' and 'tuba-tuba'

THE DEPARTMENT of Agrarian Reform and the Philippine Coconut Authority should be cautious in encouraging the propagation of the indigenous plants *hanga* (petroleum plant) and *tuba-tuba*. (PDI, 8/23/04) The two government agencies claim that both plants are good sources of bio-diesel and that our country needs about 70,000 to 350,000 metric tons of the plants a year.

According to their studies, one tin can of *hanga* seeds can produce one liter of oil which will yield 45 percent gasoline. If true, the plant could indeed be a blessing not only to farmers but also to all Filipinos. But the problem is—can the government manage, control and sustain the project?

Not too long ago, similar projects like *nata de coco*, *lufa* and *African hito* productions turned out to be a nightmare instead of a dream come true for those who invested in them. Many who ventured into those projects never recovered their investments, and worse, many remain still heavily indebted.

The earthworm culture in the '80s, which was said to be the ultimate hope because it promised hefty profits in just a few months, left thousands of small entrepreneurs bankrupt; hundreds more of full-time employees who gambled their lucrative jobs to go into the project ended up poor and desolate.

Likewise, there was the precious *golden kuhol* which turned out to be "*tanso*" (brass). The ill effects of that failed project are still felt to this day by the lowly farmers all over the country. The only people who benefited from the lowly *kuhol* were the greedy businessmen who ventured into the distribution and sale of overpriced snail killers. Poor farmers were left with no option but to buy the pesticides just to save newly planted rice seedlings from being devoured by the voracious *golden kuhol*.

The two agencies should instead look at the more pressing problems of coconut farmers—the lands they till have not yet been awarded them; so is the P100-billion coco levy funds which to coconut farmers might be their only real and last hope.

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IRA cut to force closure of 15 hospitals

By Joey A. Gabieta
PDI Visayas Bureau

BAYBAY, Leyte—Gov. Carlos Jericho Petilla has raised apprehension that the plan to cut the province's Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) might lead to the closure of provincial hospitals.

He pointed out that in the past years, the nine district hospitals and six community hospitals, which are under the direct supervision of the provincial government, are in "financial hemorrhage."

One way to stop this problem, Petilla said, was for the IRA not to be touched as planned by the national government.

"With the planned reduction, hospital services would be affected or worse, some of our hospitals may die by natural death. I'm very, very much worried about this," he said during a dialogue with Western Leyte Provincial Hospital (WLPH) personnel in Baybay, about 108 km west of the capital Tacloban City.

He said that with the province's limited budget, his administration could not afford to give all its focus on these hospitals because other services would suffer.

Last year, the province received P690.63 million in IRA share, a sizeable amount of which went to these provincial-maintained hospitals.

Petilla said the provincial government earmarked P223 million for the operations of the hospitals, which had only a total earning of P9 million.

In the case of the WLPH, he said, it only earned more than P900,000 last year but its budget reached P28 million, half of which went to salaries and other benefits of its 120 personnel.

The WLPH has 100 beds and is supposed to serve the towns of Inoopacan, Albuera, Javier, Mahaplag and this town. At present, only 45 patients were confined in the hospital.

Petilla has proposed to rehabilitate and operate these hospitals like private institutions in order to earn profits and stop the "financial hemorrhage."

He said a feasibility study was being conducted by an ad hoc committee he created headed by Sr. Eloisa David of the SVD-owned St. Paul's Hospital based in Tacloban.

"We have to establish what is free and what is not free," said the governor.

He said part of his plan was to have four private rooms at the WLPH for those who could afford "competitive rental."

Petilla said he also planned to provide more facilities so that patients would come to the WLPH instead of a private hospital.

Abu Sayyaf member in priest's abduction arrested in Basilan

ZAMBOANGA CITY—An Abu Sayyaf member involved in the abduction of Claretian Missionary Fr. Rhoel Gallardo and about 70 students and teachers from Barangay Kumalarang in Isabela City on March 20, 2000 was arrested Thursday afternoon, the military said on Friday.

Gallardo was later beheaded. Southern Command chief Maj. Gen. Generoso Senga said it was not known if the suspect, identified as Adshar Ismael, alias Abu Junaid, was among those who killed the priest.

Ismael is an alleged follower of Abu Sayyaf leader Isnilon Hapilon.

Senga said Ismael was apprehended while visiting his family.

He said military intelligence agents had placed Ismael's house under surveillance and finally caught up with him on Thursday.

A military intelligence officer privy to the arrest said Ismael was presented to several suspects, who positively identified him as one of their captors.

"Two female former hostages kicked and slapped Ismael, saying they were raped during their captivity," the intelligence officer said.

Senga said Ismael was being interrogated to determine his participation in other activities of the Abu Sayyaf.

Col. Raymundo Ferrer, commander of the Army's 103rd Infantry Brigade based in Basilan, told the INQUIRER that the military's continuing campaign against the Abu Sayyaf had netted more suspects since July.

In August alone, three suspected bandits were arrested.

They were junior leaders Ibnu Abbas and Muin Hamja, who each had a P1-million reward for their capture, and Abu Sabaya's younger sister Satra Abdulaup Tilao. *Julie Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

2 sergeants killed in accident

By Delfin Mallari Jr.
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LUCENA CITY—Two Army sergeants died and another was seriously injured when the motorcycle they were riding on was hit from behind by a Nissan Terrano van in an early dawn road accident along the Diversion Road here on Saturday.

Police identified the fatalities as S/Sgt. Johnny San Luis and T/Sgt. Jose Losanta, both assigned at the Armed Forces Southern Luzon Unified Command based at Camp Nakar here.

The two suffered multiple serious injuries in different parts of the body and died at the Quezon Memorial Hospital.

The driver of the motorcycle, T/Sgt. Angelito Lonosa, also suffered multiple injuries and was brought to the AFP Medical Center in Metro Manila after receiving emergency treatment in the hospital.

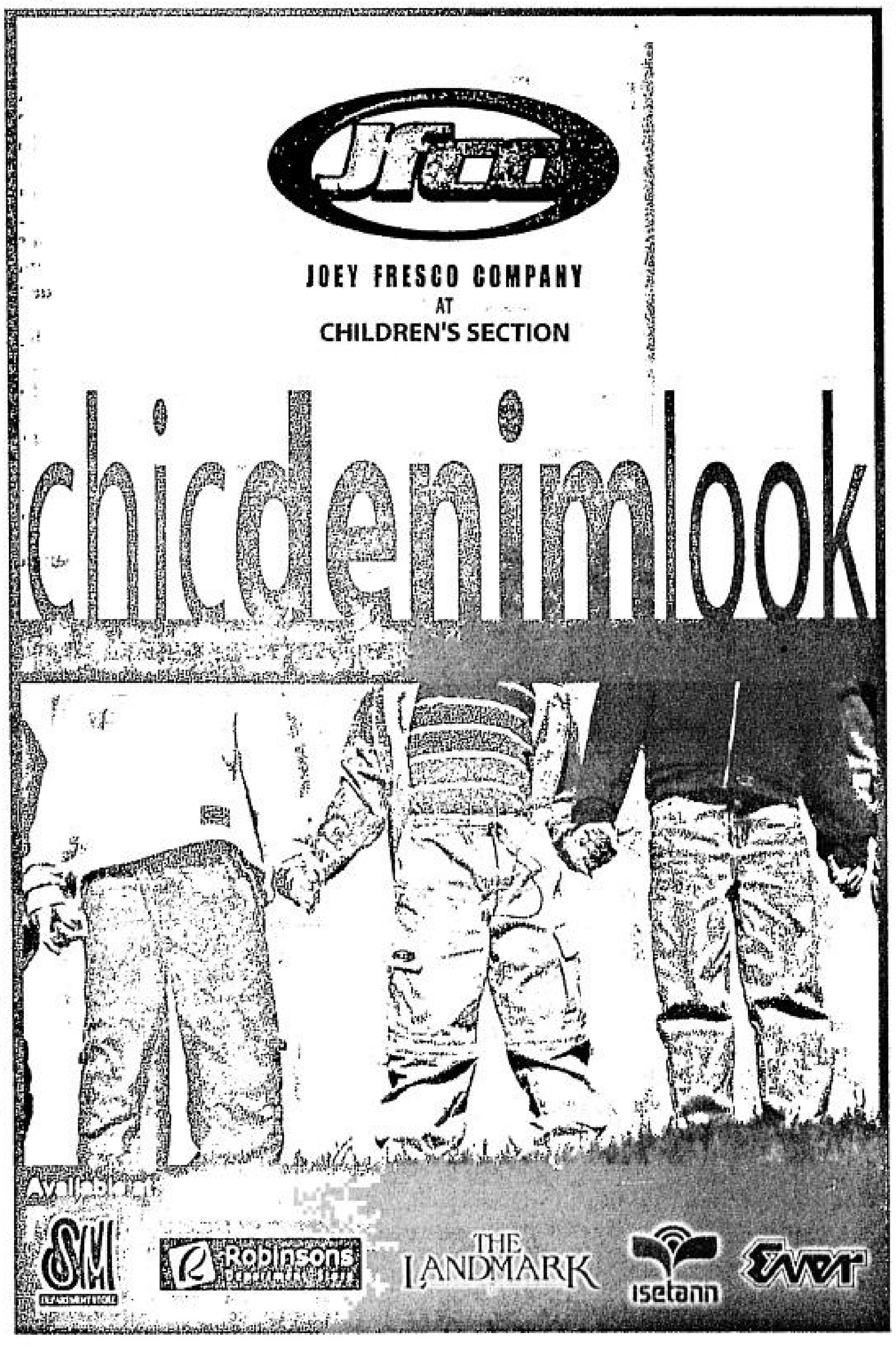
Police said the soldiers were traveling aboard a motorcycle at around 2 a.m. when a speeding red Nissan Terrano bumped their vehicle from behind.

After the collision, the van sped away from the scene. However, police investigators headed by SPO4 Marcelino Uy were able to trace the vehicle in one of the subdivisions on the outskirts of the city.

The van was reportedly owned by one Danstand Medenilla, of San Narciso, Quezon.

According to the police, Medenilla's daughter, Bianca, who is reportedly a Sangguniang Kabataan president in San Narciso, was driving the vehicle.

The suspect has been detained at the city jail pending the filing of criminal charges against her.



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More violence in N. Vizcaya land row seen

BAMBANG, Nueva Vizcaya—Officials and civil society leaders here have expressed concern over the threat of continued violence between a landowner and Kalanguya settlers over a property in the upland village of Santo Domingo here.

Gov. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma called for sobriety from both sides, as she lamented the confrontation between a group of settlers and members of a demolition team and policemen on Thursday.

Cuaresma said government agencies should immediately adopt measures to settle the dispute involving the 149-hectare Abesamis Estate in Sitio Upper Batu.

"We do not want a repeat of what happened [Thursday]. If only we were informed and were able to sit down earlier, that unfortunate incident would not have happened," she said in a dialogue attended by opposing parties and local and police officials on Friday.

Win-win solution

Renato Navata, regional director of the Department of Agrarian Reform, appealed to landowner Felix Abesamis Jr. to suspend the demolition for a week, to give the settlers, the Department of Agrarian Reform and local governments time to come up with measures that would bring a "win-win solution" to the problem.

Abesamis, however, vowed to push through with the demolition.

"This case has [dragged on] for 16 years already and [we have yet to get] justice. We want to get back the land so we can give them to our farm workers as part of the CARP (Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program)," he said.

"Nobody can stop me now, not even the President of the Philippines," he added.

Acting on a writ of demolition issued by the DAR Adjudication Board (Darab), the demolition team, backed up by 30 policemen and Army soldiers, clashed with around 100 settlers on Thursday, wounding two people.

Lawyer Ernesto Salunat, the settlers' counsel, denounced the "inhumane" treatment that residents suffered at the hands of the demolition team.

Help

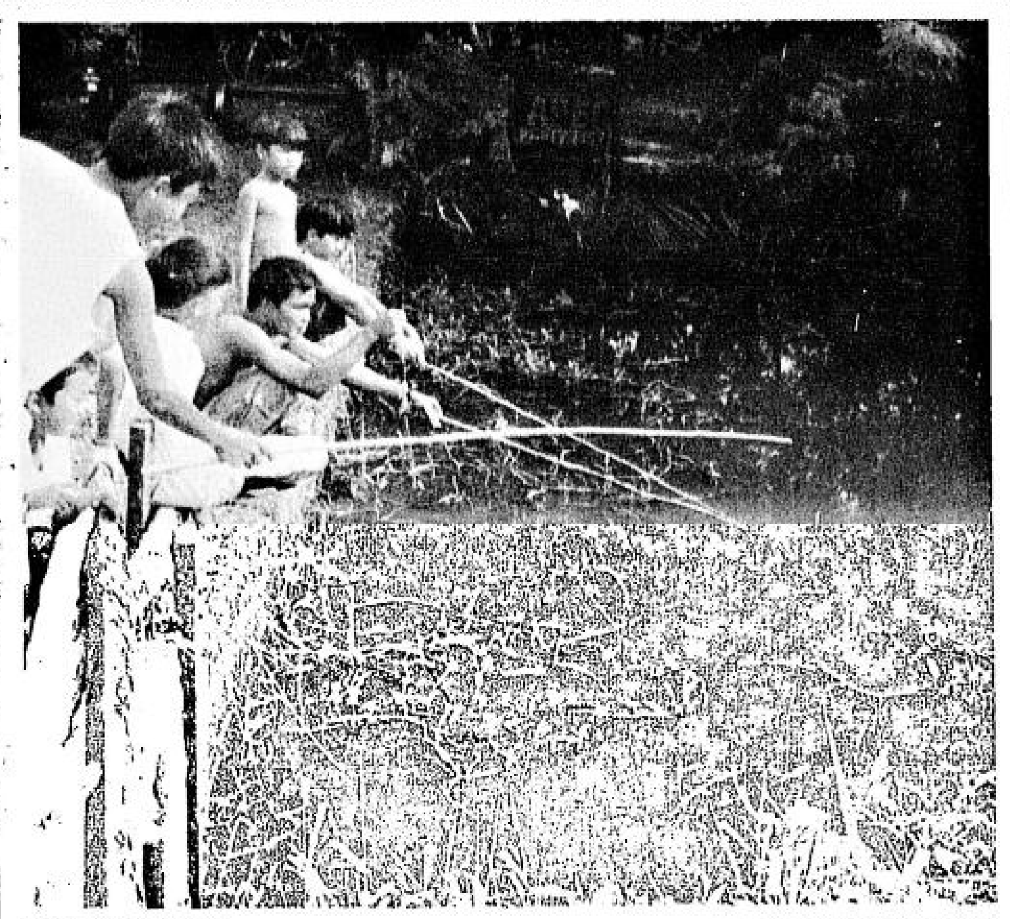
"(The team) did not give even the smallest bit of respect for the people. They tore everything down to the extent that nothing can be made out of the materials. Their personal belongings had been scattered," he said.

Sr. Maria Eden Orlino, director of the Diocesan Social Action Center, said they were helping the settlers overcome the trauma they suffered from the demolition.

"We could see from their faces—old men and women, children, couples—"that they were all terrified," Orlino said.

Brunhild Pascua, Darab adjudicator, said he would order a one-week suspension of the demolition.

He said Salunat has asked the Supreme Court to comment on the legality of the Darab decision evicting the Kalanguya tribe members from the Abesamis property. *Melvin Gascon, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*



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Children take advantage of the flowing water to bait fish at a creek in Candon City, Ilocos Sur.

Bohol takes steps to protect Panglao

TAGBILARAN CITY—Gov. Erico Aumentado has issued an executive order enforcing the salvage zones, or an easement for public use along the shorelines of, as well as enforcing sanitation laws on, Panglao Island to protect its pristine waters in the wake of tourist influx.

Aumentado told reporters that he signed Executive Order 13, because he did not want Panglao Island to suffer the same fate that befell Boracay Island several years back.

The beaches of Panglao and other coastal towns have increasingly attracted foreign and domestic tourists, he said.

In 1998, then environment secretary Victor Ramos declared Boracay a "disaster case" due to a high level of coliform bacteria found in its coastal waters, which was blamed on unabated waste dumping.

As a result, Boracay suffered at least 60 percent drop in tourist arrivals. Fortunately, the problem has since been remedied.

According to EO 13, there is a need to enforce the Water Code of the Philippines, especially on prohibition of structures, to protect and preserve the beaches of Panglao and the coastal towns in the province as well as sustain the tourism industry.

The code establishes an easement for public use along the shores of the seas in the interest of recreation, navigation, floatage, fishing and salvage.

The Code bans any structure within three meters from the high water mark in urban areas, 20 meters in agricultural areas and 40 meters in forest areas.

But the EO noted that certain natural and juridical persons established structures "within the prohibited zone and even in foreshore areas" in violation of the Code and other existing laws and regulations.

The EO also noted that some of the structures within or near the prohibited zone such as cottages, restaurants, resorts and other accessory buildings and structures for human habitation "are suspected to have improper septic vaults resulting to the seepage of effluents into the sea water."

This has led to the contamination of the seawater with "harmful bacteria and other hazardous substances." Aumentado said all structures within the public easement zone or environmental protection area should be removed not later than Dec. 31. *Chito Fuentes, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Hatred drives 2 men to kill 4 relatives

DAVAO CITY—Too much anger drove two young men to kill their four relatives and wound three others early Saturday in Matina, Talomo District here.

This was learned after the suspects, Chemuel Balanay, alias Kim-Kim, 21, and his brother Elbuin, 16, were arrested yesterday morning in Barangay Calumpang, General Santos City.

Mayor Rodrigo Duterte presented the suspects during his weekly television program dubbed Gikan sa Masa Para sa Masa (From the Poor, For the Poor) yesterday.

Later, the suspects were brought to the place of incident in Cariñosa Street, Lanzona Subdivision, Matina for a reenactment of the killing of the brothers' uncle, Diosdado Lacorte, 55; his wife Evelyn, 48; his son-in-law Julius Villarmia; and grandson, Kenneth, 9.

Still recuperating at the Davao Doctor's Hospital are Diosdado's daughter Grace Lacorte-Hashiogochi and her Japanese husband Tamutso; and Julius' three-year-old daughter Maria Carmela Beatriz.

Duterte himself interrogated the suspects on how they committed the gruesome crime.

Chemuel said they arrived at the Lacortes' house Friday night from their place in Governor Generoso, Davao Oriental.

He said he intended to borrow money from the Lacorte couple for a very important purpose. But the Lacortes reportedly refused that prompted him to decide killing the couple.

Chemuel said he instructed his younger brother to cooperate and help him. Armed with a hunting knife and four-foot pipe bar, the two attacked Diosdado and Evelyn who were both inside their room sleeping.

Julius allegedly tried to stop the attack but ended up also being hit with the pipe bar and stabbed with the knife.

Chemuel said they also saw the young Kenneth in the living room and killed him.

The three wounded victims arrived later and were attacked as they entered the house.

Chemuel admitted he was used to be the Lacortes' helper in the family-owned restaurant along Roxas Avenue. He claimed the Lacortes treated him unfairly.

"My uncle and aunt were very strict. They were blaming me for mistakes I did not commit," he said.

Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

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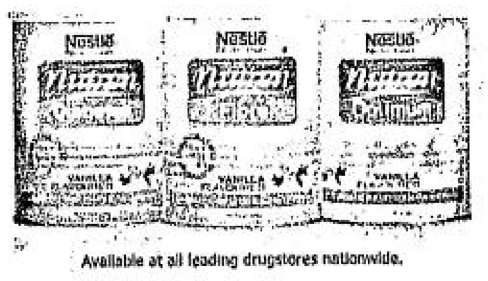

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JAKARTA CAR BOMBING

MILF leaders raise alert on JI presence

KIDAPAWAN CITY—Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) Chair Murad Ibrahim called on his followers to' always keep their guard up against any force that might shake the relatively friendly atmosphere established between their group and the government.

The call came following reports that Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) members who bombed the Australian Embassy in Indonesian capital of Jakarta on Thursday could be hiding in the Philippines.

Eid Kabalu, spokesperson of the MILF, said Murad's call was also a reiteration of standing orders for their group not to associate with the terrorist group.

What the MILF chair was trying to avoid, Kabalu said, was a repetition of experiences in the past where their group, having been suspected of harboring JI members, end up fighting with government forces despite a ceasefire agreement.

He said there were groups out to derail the peace process by using the JI issue.

The government had placed a virtual bridge between the JI and the MILF over the past years. The MILF also repeatedly denied any association with the JI, a terror group linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida.

But Kabalu said the MILF was not discounting the possibility of entry of JI members in the Philippines. He, said that with the stiff security measures implemented by the government and with their help, that possibility of was slim.

Police intelligence reports in Central Mindanao indicated that JI members had been moving around Mindanao actively during the last two months.

An intelligence officer, who requested anonymity, said the suspects were often sighted in Maguindanao.

The officer said the first report, although not considered verified information, revealed that several Afghans suspected of being JI members had been seen in Maguindanao on many occasions recently. The suspects were allegedly training rebels in the manufacture of bombs using car batteries.

Another report, tagged "A-1" information, said five Indonesian-looking foreigners and a Tausug JI member were also spotted in Maguindanao. Their alleged purpose is to make car bombs, a JI signature attack.

"Our report says their target would be Davao City or General Santos City," the officer said.

Recent military reports also said at least 30 JI members were training in Mt. Cararao in Lanao del Sur, a known MILF lair.

The report was denied by MILF officials who even called for an investigation by the Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities.

"We have long been vigilant against the JI's presence especially in areas that we control. Right now the chairman directed all our members to monitor their presence or even to prevent their entry," Kabalu said.

"Our efforts are our share of showing our sincerity to the peace talks," Kabalu said. *Jeffrey Tupas, Mindanao Bureau*

ROUNDUP

Police officer slain

MATI, Davao Oriental—Suspected New People's Army (NPA) rebels shot dead a police officer in San Isidro town on Wednesday and fled with his service firearm. Jaspe Salvani, San Isidro police chief, said PO3 Edwin Edita, 43, of the 1106th Provincial Mobile Group had just alighted from a truck he hitched a ride on when several armed men approached and shot him. Salvani said Edita died from at least four bullet wounds in the head and abdomen.

Ferdinand Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Faith healer jailed

ROXAS CITY—A 75-year-old faith healer was jailed after he was accused of molesting a 25-year old patient on Sunday. William Acuyong was arrested after the parents of the young woman went to police to complain that he kissed and touched her private parts during a "healing session" at the faith healer's house in Barangay Malibili here, supposedly to drive out the "evil spirit" from the victim's body. Acuyong claimed that the woman consented to his acts. But her parents said she could have not given her consent since she was mentally ill.

Felipe Celino, PDI Visayas Bureau

Guard slain near expressway

GUIGUINTO, Bulacan—A guard of Philippine National Construction Co. was killed while his companion was wounded after armed men shot them near the North Luzon Expressway's Balintawak toll plaza on Wednesday morning. Isagani Rico, PNCC deputy chief for traffic safety and security department, identified the fatality as Reynaldo Cortez, 45. Rico said Cortez's companion, Benjamin Dabo, was wounded and taken to a hospital in Meycauayan town. Reports said the guards were detaching the license plate of a cargo truck at about 2 a.m. when armed men aboard a Mitsubishi Pajero shot them.

Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk

New road to reduce traffic

ALAMINOS, Laguna—Government officials and local residents are optimisic that the recent opening of a P7-million diversion road in Barangay San Roque would spur economic development in this small agricultural town by decongesting traffic in the main highway going to San Pablo City, Quezon and Batangas. Mayor Samuel Bueser said the opening of the Don Marcelino Pule Diversion Road would not only reduce traffic by 70 percent but also bring new opportunities to the residents.

Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Abandoned lumber seized

CITY OF CALAPAN—Police and members of the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office here took some 1,200 board feet of abandoned lumber on Sept. 3 in Barangay Mayagao, Baco town. The lumber is now under the custody of the Cenro.

Madonna Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Peñafrancia exhibit

BICOLANO stained glass and mural artist Pancho Piano opened a solo exhibit at the Basilica Pavilion in Naga City on Wednesday. Piano showcases more than 20 of his paintings of the Our Lady of Peñafrancia to pay his homage and devotion to the patron saint. The exhibit, titled "Handog," will run until Sept. 30. *Joanna Teressa Los Baños, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Tricycle services

CITY OF CALAPAN—The city council is taking steps to "professionalize" the services of tricycle drivers in the city, Councilor Jose Leynes, committee on transportation member, said during a public hearing last week. Professionalizing, Leynes said, meant courtesy to riders, giving discounts to students and senior citizens, and wearing the proper outfit—a t-shirt and closed shoes. The council also hoped to reduce traffic violations. To help the drivers save on fuel, the council proposed a "color-coding" or area assignments. The city has about 4,000 tricycle units, half of them without licenses to operate, Leynes said.

Madonna Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Search for top volunteers

DEADLINE for the submission of nominations to the Search for Outstanding Volunteers 2004 has been extended to Sept. 17, according to a news release. Nominations are still being accepted in other regional offices of the National Economic and Development Authority, the Regional Planning and Development Office of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, except Caraga. Forms may be obtained from these offices and the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency, or may be downloaded from the PNVSCA website at http://www.pnvsca.neda.gov.ph. For details, call 927-6851, telefax no. 929-6376 or email them through ppis@pnvsca.neda.gov.ph.

Isabela OFWs slam gov't bid to tax them

MALLIG, Isabela—A group of overseas workers from Isabela said the proposed tax on Filipinos working abroad would bring more burden to the country's so-called modern-day heroes.

"Overseas workers are dollar earners for the country and yet, the government wants to give us additional burden," said Mariquita Soberano, president of the Mallig Overseas Contract Workers Association.

Soberano said overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) should not bear the brunt of the government's failure to properly manage the national coffers.

Earlier, Finance Secretary Juanita Amatong said OFWs should help in efforts to ease the country's financial crisis through the payment of taxes.

Filipinos working abroad used to pay a 2-percent gross income tax before the Comprehensive Tax Reform Program was implemented in 1997. The amendments in the old tax law exempted them from paying taxes.

Elizabeth Africano of the District 2 OFW Association in Cauayan City said OFWs were already doing their share to help the economy. *Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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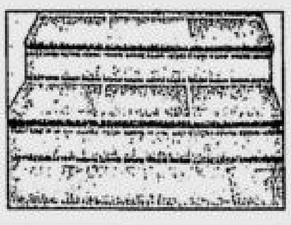

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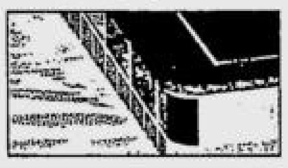

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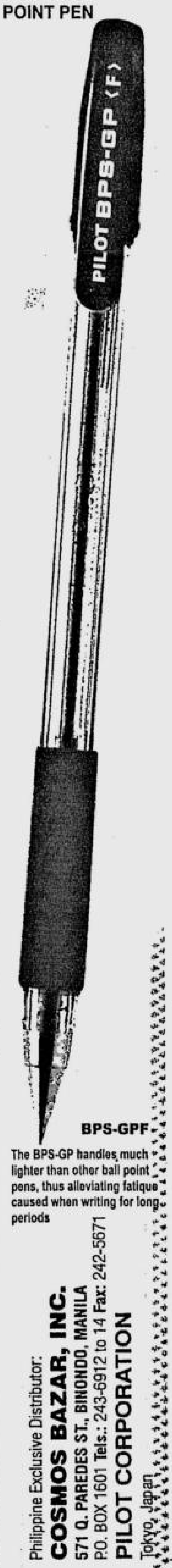

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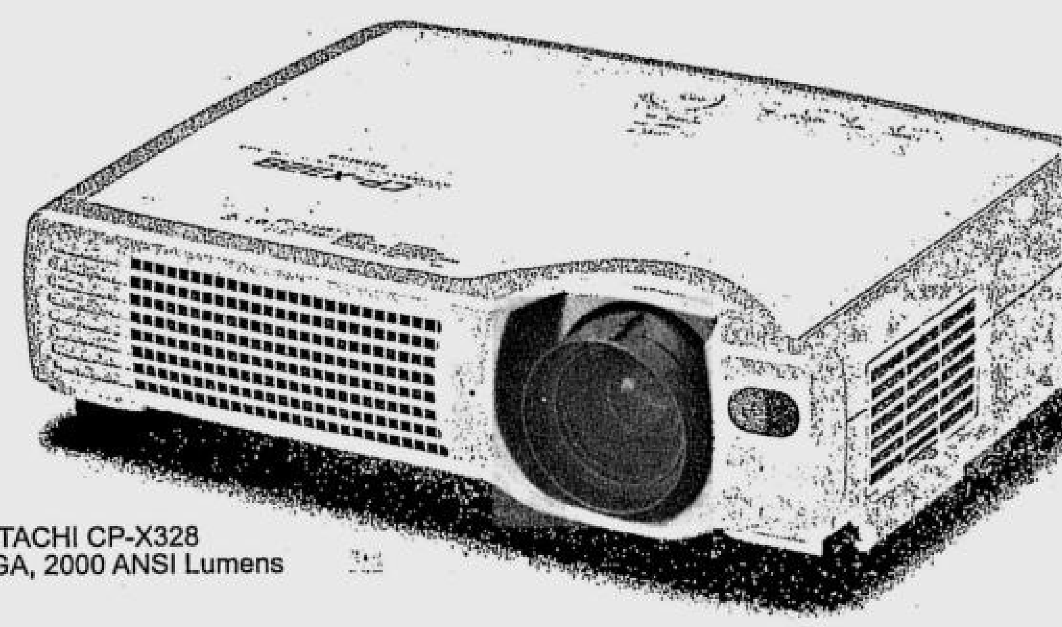

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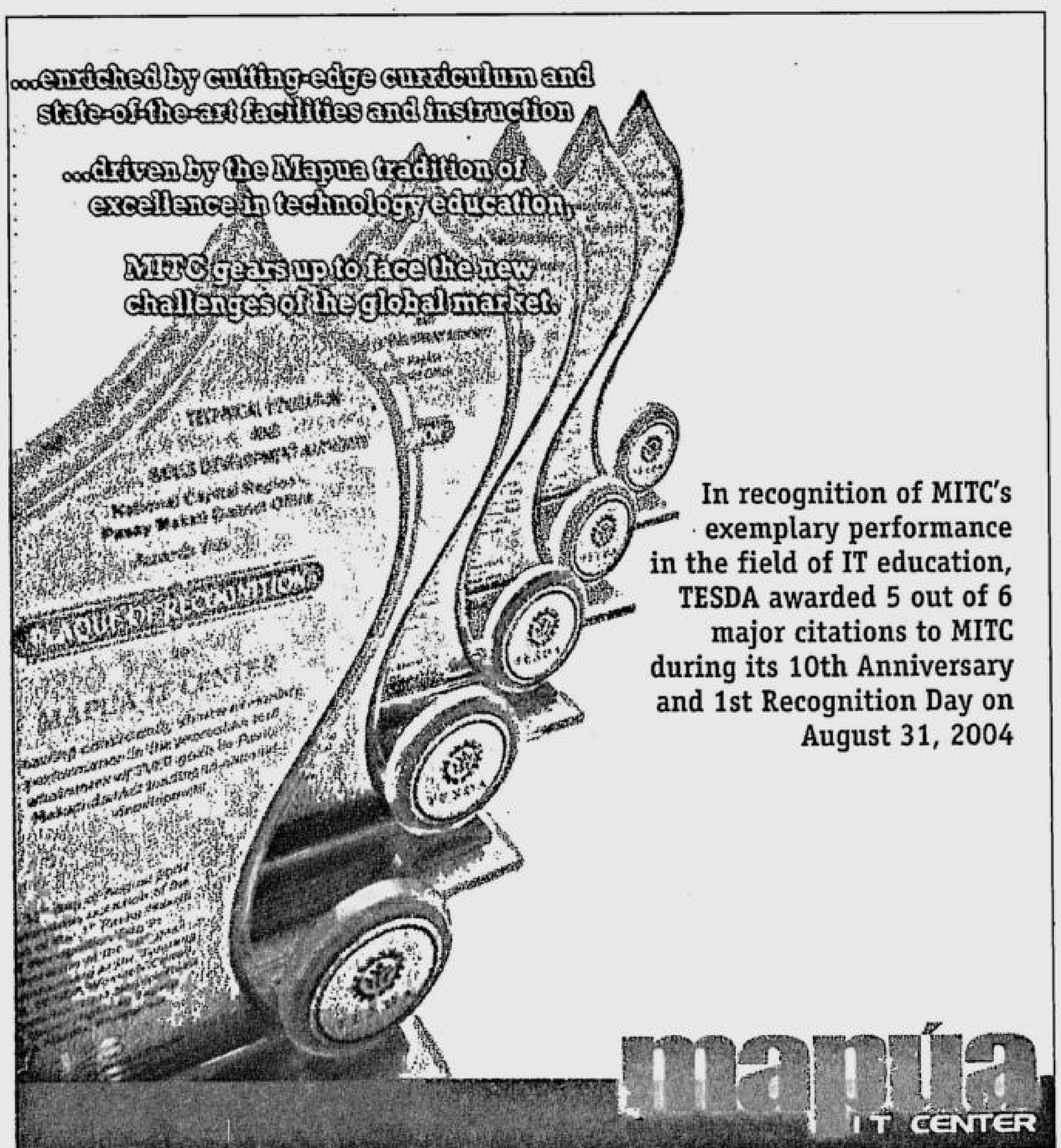
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Sneers greet House ...

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is still there from identifying the projects and the contractors," the Senate leader said in an interview.

The pork barrel is money allocated in the annual budget by the national government to each legislator for projects of their choosing to ingratiate themselves with their constituents.

It is also a known source of kickbacks for lawmakers, local officials and contractors.

Each House member is allocated P70 million in pork barrel, while each senator is assigned P200 million, for a total of P20 billion a year.

Ploy

The question now on the mind of the senator was whether the twin moves taken by the House were meant to retain the full amount of the lawmakers' pork barrel funds.

"Is it a ploy to put back to 100 percent the pork barrel funds now with an allegedly transparent system?" he asked.

The senator was referring to Malacañang's move to slash by 40 percent the pork barrel allocations of all lawmakers as contained in the proposed 2005 budget that it submitted to Congress last month.

The senator also wondered whether the items in the new budget could be realigned, say in the middle of the year. He said this could be done. "So what's the use of resorting to line item budgeting?"

Brownie points

Evardone said congressional insertions would "negate the purpose of their move to abolish the pork barrel system."

"It will come out as just a mere show to earn '*pogi*' (brownie) points. The people should continue to be vigilant against moves in Congress to hide the pork barrel funds in the lump-sum congressional insertions," he said.

The league also asked the Senate to follow the lead set by the House to abolish the graft-ridden pork barrel system in the 2005 national budget.

Evardone said abolishing the pork barrel would "enable Congress to concentrate and focus on its primary mandate to legislate laws."

He said the abolition of the pork barrel and line item budgeting would "improve transparency and accountability."

Malacañang welcomed the reported House decision to abolish the pork barrel but reminded lawmakers they still needed to pass new taxes for the government to solve the fiscal problem.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said in a radio interview that reducing or doing away with the pork barrel was just one of the government's austerity measures to help address the budget deficit.

"But aside from austerity, we need to pass revenue measures. We need to strengthen the system of collection and we need to continue our fight against corruption. This is the total picture, the comprehensive solutions to our problem," Bunye said.

Earlier, the President asked Congress to pass eight new taxes to raise P80 billion to cover the budget deficit.

Quid pro quo

Rep. Rolando Andaya Jr. (LP, Camarines Sur) said the House appropriations committee, which he chairs, was ready to conduct a line item scrutiny of the P907.6-billion national budget submitted by Malacañang.

"In short, line item budgeting removes the discretionary power of the executive over a large swath of the budget," Andaya said in a statement. "There will be no more nooks and crannies in the budget where executive pork can be hidden."

He predicted that some agencies would lobby President Macapagal-Arroyo to ask Congress to "back off from line item budgeting as it would mean the surrender of executive prerogatives over the budget law."

"But that is the *quo* for the *quid* of removing pork. We give up pork, you give up lump sums. Fair is fair," Andaya said.

Andaya noted that line item budgeting would "flush concealed pork and even funds for ghost employees out of their hiding places in the national budget."

The Andaya committee will start conducting hearings on the proposed 2005 national budget on Sept. 20.

A Quezon legislator said abolishing the pork barrel next year could be perplexing for some of the first timers in the House.

"Just like the veterans, most of the first timers have made promises of projects to be funded by the PDAF," Rep. Proceso Alcala (LP, 2nd dist.), a first termer, said.

He noted, however, that there were lots of new members in the House who welcomed the changes.

"Most of us prefer line item budgeting. It's more transparent. Every project proponent is now obliged to exercise more prudence. Even Malacañang's undisclosed budget is also now open to scrutiny," Alcala said.

Quezon Rep. Danilo Suarez (LP, 3rd dist.) said the abolition of the pork barrel next year was the call of the people and the House leadership.

But he said the abolition of the pork barrel would be hard to explain to barangay officials who had all requested projects to be funded by the PDAF.

Real test

Sen. Panfilo Lacson said a cut of at least P20 billion in the proposed budget for 2005 would be the "real test" that lawmakers were giving up their pork barrel.

He earlier said that if all lawmakers agreed to his challenge to give up their pork barrel like he had been doing since 2002, this would mean P20 billion in savings for the government.

Lacson said that if congressmen would resort to line item budgeting, then it means that the implementors would be the same, meaning the line agencies.

"Then it's still the same dog with a different collar," Lacson said in an interview. *With reports from Carlito Pablo and Juliet Labog-Javellana in Manila; and Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Tax luxuries of rich...

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The strategy includes implementing a genuine austerity program, improving tax collection and making public the "incomes and paid taxes of top government and economic leaders and [other] groups to encourage prompt payment of correct taxes."

Charity won't help

Habito said that while donations to the government's Bayanihan Fund would help, people should not be led into believing that this could be enough to solve the fiscal crisis.

"Let us not deceive ourselves that charity will bring us out of the crisis," he said.

"We're different from Thailand and South Korea," Habito said, referring to the neighboring countries whose previously financially strapped governments benefited from the contributions of their citizens during the 1997 Asian financial crisis.

"That was a regional crisis. Everybody suffered there. But this is a self-inflicted crisis," Habito said, referring to the Philippine situation. "The faithful continue to pay their taxes while others do not."

Bangon president Bro. Eddie Villanueva said the government had "overtaxed" ordinary Filipinos but failed to collect some P240 billion in taxes, including those owed by taipans and big businesses.

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Habito also urged the government to seek debt renegotiation with creditors. The Philippines has outstanding total consolidated public sector debts amounting to P5.3 trillion, Bangon said.

Bangon officials said debt relief, whether in the form of a cap on debt payments, extension of payment deadlines, debt renegotiation or restructuring, would enhance the country's fiscal position.

Villanueva, who campaigned for debt relief during the May presidential election, said the billions of pesos saved from debt payments could be used on programs that would spur economic growth.

Repudiate bad loans

"We challenge the government to take steps for the renegotiation of loans with onerous terms and repudiation of the most fraudulent ones," the evangelist and former economics professor said.

Other suggestions in the 10-point strategy include:

- Formation of antitax evasion and anticorruption courts.
- Abolition of redundant offices.
- Firing of all "15-30" government employees, or those who report for work only to collect their salaries.
- Giving of incentives to the most productive and graft-free agencies.

Students blast Suarez bill

Students opposed to further taxation of telecommunications services, especially text messaging, yesterday branded as discriminatory the 7-percent computer education tax proposed by Quezon Rep. Danilo Suarez.

The Filipino Students' Democratic Union and the Students Opposed to New Taxes said it was unfair for Congress to target the telecommunications industry for new tax measures to raise revenue needed for government services, such as education.

"We believe that the better strategy is to impose, say a half percent computer education tax, on the top 1,000 corporations in the Philippines, instead of burdening just one business sector with a 7-percent special tax on education," said Earl Arezamendez, president of FSDU and convenor of StopTax. *With a report from Norman Bordadora*

Lawmaker likens fiscal crisis to cancer growth

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"While nominal GNP (gross national product) has grown by only 11 percent, NG debt has grown at 17 percent per annum and tax revenues grew by only 5.41 percent," he said.

The result: NG debt rose from 53 percent to 76 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) while total public debt rose from 103 percent in 1997 to 137 percent in 2003.

Salceda said interest payments would reach P302 billion in 2005, becoming the largest budgetary item in the proposed General Appropriations Act and overtaking salaries for the first time.

He noted that the principal culprit in the accumulation of debt was the successive deficits of the national government. "Since 1986, the national government has balanced the budget only twice (1994 and 1997) out of 18 years with P908 billion in cumulative deficits," he said.

Salceda said any analysis of the fiscal crisis must begin with the origins of the yearly national government deficit, which could either be a spending problem, a revenue problem or both.

He put into perspective efforts to cut waste and corruption, which are currently being undertaken in view of the projected P312-billion public sector deficit this year.

"As a policy tool, spending cuts can barely close the budget gap of P312 billion as 88 percent of expenditures are mandatory and the 18-percent discretionary expenditures for social services and infrastructure were already sub-optimal vis-a-vis GNP," he said.

Revenue problem

The fiscal crisis is principally a revenue problem, according to the congressman. He noted that while GNP was growing by 11 percent, tax revenues were increasing by only 5.41 percent and non-tax revenues by 4.2 percent, for a total revenue growth of 5.2 percent.

"Total revenue-to-GNP ratio fell by 4.9 percent from 19.5 percent in 1997 to only 14.6 percent in 2003," he said. "The fundamental divergence between revenue growth of 5.41 percent and the nominal GNP growth of 11 percent is at the core of the crisis."

Salceda said revenue underperformance was more structural than administrative in nature. He pointed out that since 1997 not a single revenue measure was passed.

He also pointed to "legislated leakages" that reached P174 billion in 2003, principally for investment incentives offered by the Board of Investments and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority, and the lowering of tariffs.

Increasing the tax-to-GNP ratio to its 1997 level of 17 percent should cure the fiscal crisis, Salceda said. But he said there was not enough to be collected through better tax collections if no new revenue measures were passed and current regulations amended.

Revenue measures

He identified a number of measures that could yield substantial revenues for the government:

- Indexation to inflation of so-called sin taxes on cigarettes and alcoholic beverages: P14 billion.
- P2 per liter tax on petroleum: P20 billion.
- Two-step increase in the expanded value added tax from 10 percent to 14 percent: P30 billion.
- Tariff adjustments (higher electricity rates) for National Power Corp., with the recent 93 centavos per kilowatt-hour increase reducing the consolidated public sector deficit by P34 billion.
- Calibration of the share of local government units of taxes in terms of the internal revenue allotment to a "more reasonable level" compared with the current 40 percent.

For the government's part, Salceda identified some measures to ease the crisis:

- Cut in discretionary funds—special privileges of government-owned and controlled corporations, intelligence funds and pork barrel of Congress—which can "play a catalytic role in the total solution by rebuilding public confidence and expanding the people's forbearance for pain."
- For the administration to obtain credit upgrades within 18 months as downgrades in the country's credit standing result in additional interest costs.
- Investments in basic infrastructure to reduce costs of doing business and balance the budget to keep interest rates and inflation down.

Looking at the fiscal picture from 2005 to 2007, Salceda said a total of P215 billion in fresh money could be generated—P166 billion from the "pain package from new taxes, tariff hikes and spending cuts; P32 billion from tax efficiency measures, and P30 billion in interest savings from the privatization of Napocor.

Isabela judges take gun training course

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prosecutors, lawyers and court employees in Isabela on Friday underwent training in handling and firing guns to protect themselves from attack.

Eight women judges, lawyers and court workers took part in the training conducted by the police Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) unit.

"Judges like me gained insights on protecting ourselves. The enemy will think twice now before doing their evil deeds," Judge Raul Babaran of the Cauayan City Regional Trial Court said.

Isabela Prosecutor Anthony Foz said the killing of Kalinga Judge Milnar Lammawin in August made judges and lawyers realize that they also needed gun handling skills to defend themselves from disgruntled parties in the cases they were handling.

Lammawin, who was hearing heinous crimes cases, was the seventh judge murdered in the last five years, Supreme Court officials said.

In June, Batangas Judge Voltaire Rosales, also handling cases of heinous crimes, was killed in an ambush.

The training included lectures on responsible gun ownership, crime prevention and self-defense.

The trainees, including those who had never held guns before, went through firing exercises using .45-cal., 9mm, .38-cal. and .357 Magnum handguns lent them by the police.

Some used their own guns. The police provided the bullets.

"Seminars like this will help. (But) responsible gun use is a must," said Senior Supt. Napoleon Estilles, provincial police director.

Despite the training, police will still provide bodyguards to judges, court workers and lawyers under death threats, Estilles said.

Police also recently met with local journalists and gave them tips on security measures and handling death threats. Fifty-five media members have been killed around the country since 1986.

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Pain remains fresh for 9/11 victims' kin

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Trade Center Ground Zero.

It was like stoking a constant fire.

Their voices breaking, parents and grandparents stood at the WTC site and marked the anniversary of the attacks by reciting the names of the 2,749 people who had died there.

This provided a bookend to last year's commemoration, when it was the victims' children who read the list.

Punctuated by tearful dedications, and over violin strains, the reading yesterday took three hours.

"We miss you very much, we love you very much, and we'll never forget you because you're in our hearts forever," said Stewart D. Wotton, looking skyward to address his son Rodney James.

"Our loving son, Paul Robert Eckna, our tower of strength—we love and miss you," said Carol Eckna.

"We miss your big smile, Kev," said Mike Williams, recalling his son Kevin Michael.

Four moments of silence were observed—at 8:46, 9:03, 9:59 and 10:29 a.m.—the precise times that the two planes slammed into the Twin Towers, and when the buildings collapsed.

Former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Gov. George Pataki and other guests spoke with a clear theme—the inexpressible grief of losing a child. Pataki quoted former President Dwight Eisenhower: "There's no tragedy in life like the death of a child. Things never get back to the way they were."

When the program ended, a chorus of children sang and two trumpeteers—one each from the police and fire departments—played taps.

By then, hundreds of families had descended a long ramp into Ground Zero, sobbing, embracing each other and tossing a layer of roses into two square reflecting pools meant to evoke the fallen towers.

Some, like the Fernandez family, wore images of their lost loved ones on T-shirts; others held large pictures aloft.

It gets harder

The pain remained fresh, said Pat Hawley, 44, who came to the annual ceremony to remember his older sister Karen Sue Juday.

"It gets harder every year, because it's that much more time since I've been able to talk to my sister and be with her," said Hawley, of Charlotte, North Carolina.

"[This is] just a place to reconnect," said Anne Allen, 58, of Fort Lee, New Jersey, who lost her brother Salvatore Pepe.

Fernandez's daughter had worked as a human resources officer at Cantor Fitzgerald. The investment firm awarded millions to families of employees who died in the attacks.

"I don't care about the money," Fernandez said. "I want my daughter back."

Victims' families also got compensation from the government and other agencies.

From all these, the Fernandezes were able to buy a modest house in Little Egg Harbor and set up a scholarship foundation in their daughter's name. Judith had always been happy to help in this way, they said. The foundation helps send three students through high school.

Judith's cousin, Maria Theresa Santilla, also died on 9/11. Their aunt Adora Rilvera said she had not stopped mourning.

Elsewhere in the US

Bells tolled at the moment hijacked Flight 93 crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

A moment of silence was observed at the Pentagon for the 184 victims there. And in Washington, President George W. Bush stood in silence on the White House lawn.

At Arlington National Cemetery, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld joined relatives of the Pentagon victims near a large granite marker. Family members laid flags at the marker that bore each victim's name and ran their fingers across the inscriptions.

In a field in western Pennsylvania where Flight 93 went down, volunteers rang two large bells as the names of each of the plane's 40 passengers and crew were read.

"We know that no words, no memorials, nothing can take the place of all that you have lost," Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, who was Pennsylvania's governor at the time of the terror attacks, said to the victims' families at the ceremony.

In Boston, a small plane pulled an American flag behind it as about 150 relatives of victims held a moment of silence. Soldiers also paused at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and nearly 70,000 fans at an Iowa State football game rose to cheer three New York City firefighters and a faded American flag unearthed from the WTC rubble.

Manhattan today

Lower Manhattan has changed dramatically since the sunny Tuesday when its gleaming towers were reduced to smoking rubble.

A commuter train station has opened on the site's northeast corner, eventually to be transformed into a $2-billion transit hub. And a 20-ton granite cornerstone was laid on July 4 for the 533-meter-tall Freedom Tower, the skyscraper set to open in 2009 that will be the centerpiece of the redeveloped trade center site.

Meanwhile, work still continues to identify the 20,000 pieces of human remains that were recovered after the attack. The medical examiner's office has identified about 1,570 victims, or just 60 percent.

On Saturday, a few blocks from the trade center site, friends and families of the 73 people who died at Windows on the World, the restaurant at the top of the trade center, tossed roses into the Hudson River for each of the victims, many of them immigrants.

"We used to be a family," said Fekkak Mamdouh, who was a waiter there.

World stops

At a memorial for the 84 Port Authority of New York and New Jersey employees who died, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the attacks had shaped the character of New Yorkers.

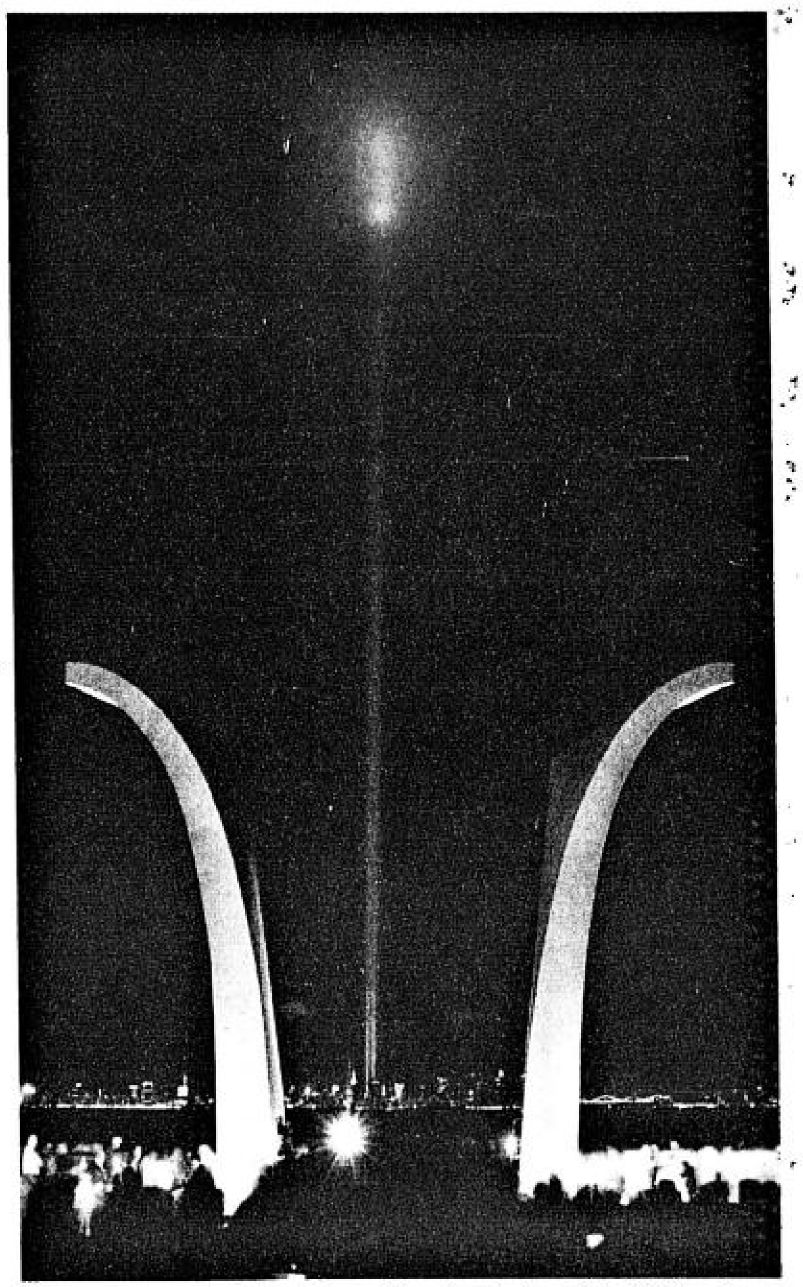
"Today as we stop to remember, our worlds stop again," the mayor said. "That tragedy we saw before our eyes is not woven in the fabric of who we are."

Other events included a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral for fallen firefighters, and the dedication of a memorial to Staten Island victims at the ferry terminal across the harbor from the trade center site.

The ceremony for the memorial—two 12-meter soaring sculptures of white post cards with the victims' names—was attended by Giuliani, who called Staten Island "the bedrock of the city."

"The losses you endured on 9/11, both as a borough and individually, are unimaginable," he said.

At sundown, two powerful beams of light—inspired by the Twin Towers and first seen six months after 9/11—rose and brightened up New York City's sky. They remained on throughout the night. *With a report from AP*



PEOPLE gather to view a memorial to the victims of the 1993 and 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center on the esplanade in the Staten Island borough of New York as the "Tribute in Light" shines from lower Manhattan. AP

Children sacrificed as pawns in war . . .

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of the Cold War.

The war on terrorism has claimed more lives in three years than in the benign years of the Cold War, excluding the periods of active hostilities (as in the Korean War and the Vietnam War).

The wave of terrorist attacks this year has killed more than 2,000 people, mostly civilians. In this war, civilians are increasingly becoming vulnerable as hostages in the struggle to pursue political objectives.

A few days before the 9/11 anniversary, militants bombed the Australian Embassy in Jakarta, serving notice that the US-led war on terror was far from being won. At least nine people died and 182 were injured, mostly Indonesians, in the blast. One casualty was a 5-year-old Australian girl.

The militant Jemaah Islamiyah, which has been linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida, claimed responsibility for the Jakarta car bombing. The JI, which maintains training centers in Mindanao, has warned Australians in Indonesia "to leave this country or else we will transform it into a cemetery for them."

The terrorist group has also warned the Australian government to withdraw its 800 troops from Iraq. If the demand is not met, the warning said, "we will deal them painful blows."

The fact that the bombing took place in the midst of the second presidential election run-off scheduled for Sept. 20 led to an interpretation that the Jakarta attack was aimed more at the Indonesian government due to its crackdown on JI-associated terrorist groups than at Australia due to its active military involvement in the Iraq war.

Leverage

Whatever the real motivation behind the bombing, civilians are increasingly being used as leverage by terrorists in achieving their political objectives.

Two weeks ago, the world was shocked by the hostage-taking of no less than 500 schoolchildren in the Russian town of Beslan by Chechen militants who represent the violent face of the Chechen separatist movement. The Beslan siege marked a new depth of depravity and bestiality in terrorism in which innocent civilians, especially children, are used as hostages to advance political objectives.

More than 300 children died after Russian forces assaulted the school, which the terrorists had wired with explosives.

In March last year, more than 200 Spanish commuters were killed in the bombing of three trains at one of Madrid's train terminals. Although there were no hostages involved in the Madrid massacre, the bombings were timed on the eve of the Spanish general elections.

As in last week's Jakarta bombing, it appeared that the Beslan and Madrid attacks had been carried out to blackmail governments into changing their hardline policies on terrorist groups.

At the time of the Madrid bombing, Spain had troops with the US-led occupation forces in Iraq. The bombing created a backlash on the Aznar government in Madrid, which lost to the Socialist Party that had pledged to withdraw Spanish troops from Iraq.

The terror campaign to force a policy change had mixed results. The Socialist policy of withdrawing Spanish troops from Iraq had been set before the election, so the Madrid bombing was not the catalyst.

RP case

Blackmail involving noncombatants worked when applied to the Philippines which accelerated the withdrawal of its small contingent in Iraq after the a Filipino truck driver was taken hostage in Iraq. The Macapagal administration bowed to demands of a militant Iraq group which freed the Filipino hostage after the withdrawal of the Filipino troops from Iraq. The withdrawal opened a rift in the US-led coalition in the Iraq war.

Hostage taking, as a blackmail weapon, is unlikely to soften the tough counterterror campaign of the United States and Australia. The Beslan massacre has even made Russian President Vladimir Putin tougher in his policy of not negotiating with terrorists.

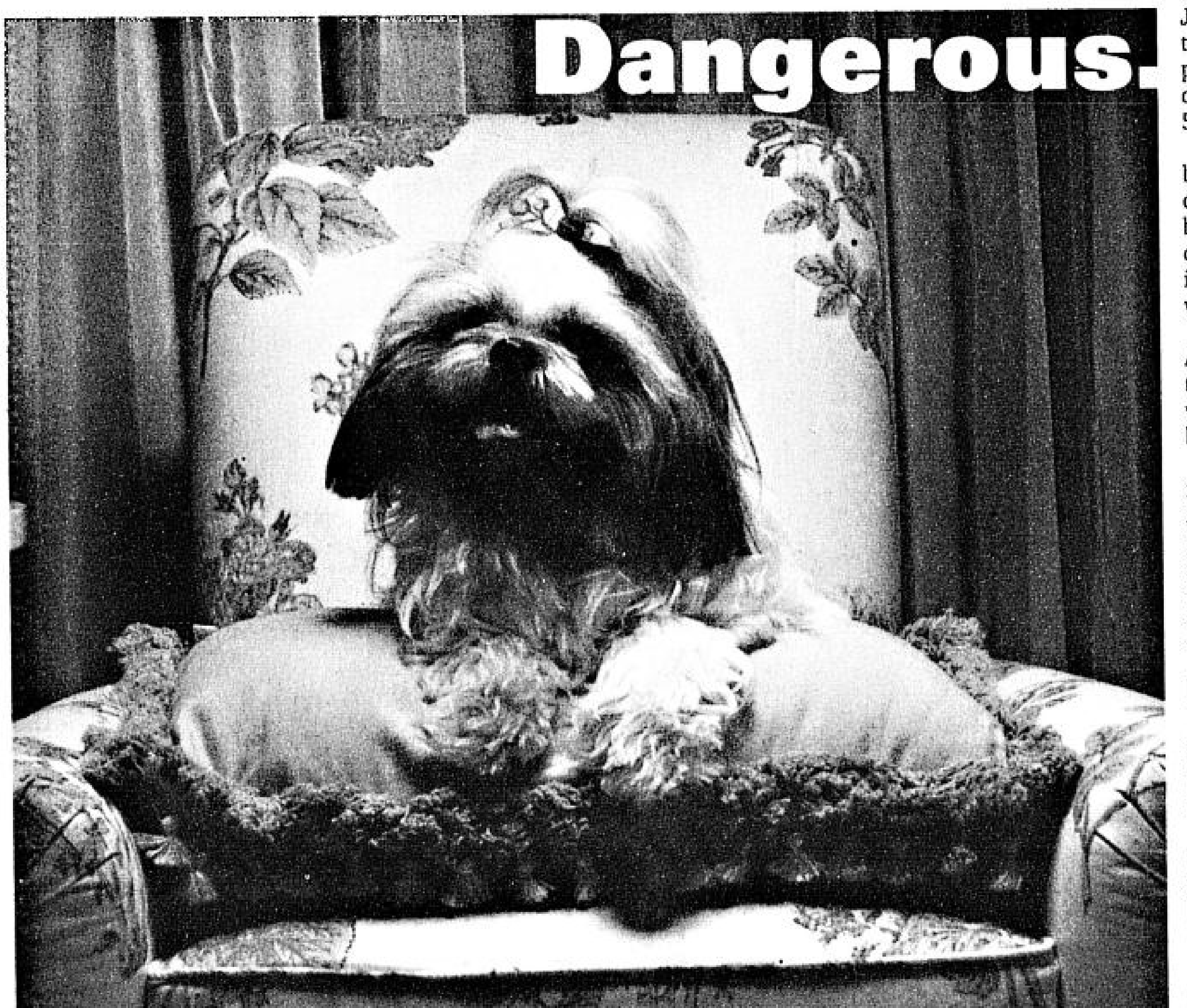
Reflecting the outrage in Russian over the Beslan carnage, Putin said how could he negotiate with "children killers." Putin's reply underscores his unbending approach toward terrorists, despite appeals from the United Nations and the United States for the Russian leader to search for a negotiated solution to the Chechen insurgency.

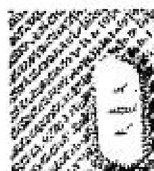
"We have shown weakness in the face of danger and the weak get beaten up," Putin said. Moscow has gone even further to warn that Russia would launch "preemptive attacks" anywhere in the world to strike at terrorists.

This warning, however, has more bark than bite. There are doubts on Russia's logistics capability to launch such an operation. Moreover, the US experience with preemptive strikes to combat terrorism is a sobering argument against it.

The United States has invaded Iraq, and not even the downfall of the Saddam Hussein regime has failed to reduce terrorist attacks or stopped Osama bin Laden from carrying out terrorism through al-Qaida surrogate groups.

The prospects, therefore, are that three years after 9/11, the cycle of violence driven by both hardline terrorists and warriors against terrorism has increased the risk of civilians and noncombatants being crushed as hostages in the middle.





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Ginebra cager hurt in mishap

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

A PROFESSIONAL basketball player was hurt when the motorcycle he was driving collided with a Nissan X-trail in Quezon City the other night.

Hours later, a 42-year-old man was killed after a Toyota Revo ran over him while he was crossing Don Mariano Marcos Avenue, also in Quezon City.

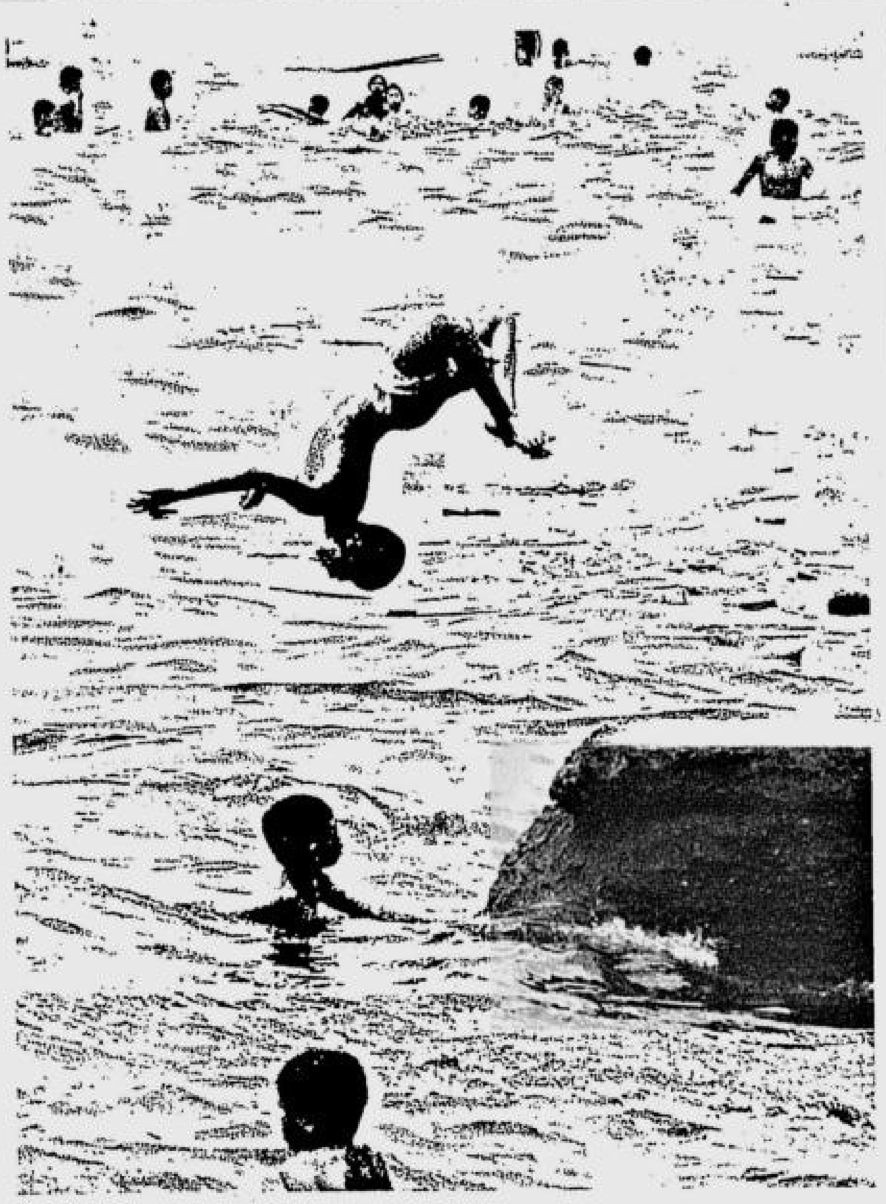
Alex Crisano, who plays forward for Barangay Ginebra, met the accident at 8:45 p.m. Saturday near the corner of Boni Serrano Avenue and 11th Avenue.

Rohanie Panolong, 33, who was inside the Nissan, also sustained injuries, police added.

Crisano's yellow Honda motorcycle hit the right door of the Nissan driven by Taha Mauyag as the sports utility vehicle was turning left into 11th Avenue from Edsa.

At 12:15 a.m. yesterday, Rio Flores, 42, was crossing the avenue in front of Commonwealth Heights Subdivision when the Toyota accidentally ran over him.

The driver, identified as Nelson Espejo, 57, tried to drive away but hit the steel railings in front of Sandiganbayan Building, SPO1 Reynaldo Patiag said in his report.



LOOK, MA! JESS YUSON

A boy performs a stunt as he and dozens of other people, mostly children, take a dip in the waters of the Manila Bay near the US Embassy on Sunday. The bay remains a favorite of bathers despite the proliferation of garbage and the resulting health risk.

New SPD chief vows to keep Baclaran clean

By Margaux C. Ortiz

CHRISTMAS will not be an excuse for sidewalk vendors to return to Baclaran.

That was the promise of Chief Supt. Wilfredo Garcia, newly appointed director of the Southern Police District (SPD).

"We would continuously block the vendors' attempts to re-occupy such areas like Baclaran," Garcia said as he took command of the SPD during rites yesterday morning in Makati City.

Garcia said they would continue to monitor the roads and areas in the southern part of Metro Manila, and conduct dialogues with the community and vendors groups.

He said that among his priorities would be police visibility and intensified anti-crime operations.

Garcia, who served as the Philippine National Police deputy director for operations for two years, replaced Chief Supt. Prospero Noble Jr.

"I thought my nine-month stint as district director was too short," said Noble, adding that he had been able to deliver on his commitment.

Noble has been appointed National Capital Region Police Office deputy director for administration.

PNP chief Director General Edgardo Aglipay recognized Noble's exemplary handling of the SPD.

"I can see improvements on the SPD policemen's deportment: their actuations and how they carry their uniforms," Aglipay said, adding that the police force should know their responsibilities by heart and be constantly reminded of their commitment for change.

During the turnover rites, Aglipay gave out awards to 26 police officers.

Noble, Senior Supt. Rosendo Franco, Chief Insp. Joaquin Alva, Insp. Lerpon Platon, Insp. Joey Goforth and SPO1 Jesus Tan were given the Medalya ng Kasanayan, while Senior Insp. Reynaldo Ulic, Emmanuel Nacis, Enrico Ebon, Laurence Cabutihan, Ranelo Navarro, Gregorio Recto and Rodelio Rania were awarded the Medalya ng Kagalingan.

SPO1 Bernardo Pascual, SPO3 Herminio Salvacion and PO1 Rodel Binauhan were given the Medalya ng Papuri, while Senior Insp. Vicente Raquion, SPO4 Crescencio Manabat, PO2 Rennie Aseboque, PO2 Ronnie Aseboque, PO2 Joseph dela Cruz, PO2 Leo Gabrang, PO2 Wilfredo Sangel, PO2 Elmer Dimaculangan, PO2 Alfred Torreon and Rodel Ordinaryo were conferred the Lanyard award.

Inventor says gadget saves gas

THIS gas-saving invention may be one that Filipino motorists can call their own.

Named after the Greek goddess of air, the Khaos Super Turbo Charger is a gadget attached to a car engine to make it more fuel efficient and environmentally friendly, said inventor Pablo Planas.

The 67-year-old Planas explained that Khaos worked by providing the engine with the right mix of air and gasoline to result in better combustion.

Better combustion means more fuel savings and less pollution, he said.

Planas, a 67-year-old former jeepney driver, said he came up with the gadget back in 1973 primarily to help him save on fuel expenses.

During that time, the world was in the middle of an oil embargo by Arab countries.

Feeling the pinch, then President Ferdinand Marcos ordered the rationing of gasoline.

By that time, Planas had graduated from being a jeepney driver to a jeepney operator, owning four units that plied the San Juan-Manila route.

Faced with limited gasoline availability and higher prices, Planas decided to tinker with his jeepneys' gasoline-fed engines.

He discovered unburned fuel in the exhaust system which made him realize how much fuel was wasted.

Planas then came up with his apparatus that controlled the intake of air and fuel into the engine with a ratio of 15:1.

According to him, he refined his invention and in 1976, the government awarded it the first place in a competition of 44 gas saving devices.

In 1977, Planas said, the National Pollution Control Commission declared his gadget as very effective in controlling emissions.

Last year, President Macapagal-Arroyo gave him the Presidential Award Medal for his invention, he added.

Amid soaring gasoline prices, Planas is offering his gadget to car owners who wish to cut their gas consumption by as much as half.

He said several companies in the US and Germany were offering to buy his invention but he was holding back.

"If I accept their offer, Filipinos may soon not be able to afford its cost," Planas said.

Currently, Khaos is being marketed by Inventionhaus International from its offices in Quezon City. A unit of Khaos costs around P6,000.

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Camanava flood project hit again

ACTOR-SENATOR Ramon Revilla Jr. expressed dissatisfaction yesterday over the continued delay in the construction of the Camanava Flood Control Project. Amid the delays, Revilla, who looked at several project sites Friday, said the Department of Public Works and Highways was asking for an additional P71-million funding from the government. But assistant project manager Carla Bartolo said the delay was minimal and that the entire project could be finished as scheduled in 2007. *Edson C. Tandoc Jr.*

No rebellion in WPD

INVESTIGATORS of the Western Police District (WPD) Homicide Unit said yesterday that they would abide by their officers' decision on their request to be reassigned. But an investigator said the WPD must assign more men to follow up homicide cases, if they are ordered to remain in the unit. On Saturday, the investigators who complained of being overburdened with work handed over a memo which they described yesterday as their courtesy resignation. *Tarra V. Quismundo*

Fishballs trigger killing

ASKING for more fishballs can be deadly. Drinking buddies Edgar Camillo, 42, and Danilo Manalili, 37, died of stab wounds after three men attacked them in Caloocan City, police said yesterday. The two reportedly got into an argument with a certain Sonny Parane, a vendor, when they tried to buy fishballs but he had ran out of the foodstuff. The victims then allegedly started yelling at the vendor. Parane left but reportedly returned with two other men who then attacked Camillo and Manalili. *Edson C. Tandoc Jr.*

Bicol clergy hold reunion

A SIGNIFICANT event in the celebration of the Peñafrancia festivities in honor of our INA, our Lady of Peñafrancia, is the coming together of the Bicol clergy on Sept. 14-17, 2004 at the Holy Rosary Minor Seminary in Naga City. This is an annual gathering of Bicolano priests and bishops (more than 400 of them) coming from the Archdiocese of Caceres, Diocese of Legazpi, Virac, Masbate, Sorsogon, Daet, the Prelature of Libmanan and the Military Ordinariate. This annual gathering was first held on Sept. 18, 1959. The gathering of priests and bishops coming from the six Bicol dioceses and the Archdiocese of Caceres is meant to strengthen their unity through a four-day prayer experience, fellowship and sports fest.

Legislator wants PNR lots seized

By Tarra V. Quismundo

A COUNCILOR wants Manila to confiscate the assets of the Philippine National Railways (PNR) in the city to settle P200 million in real property taxes left unpaid since 1992.

Councilor Ma. Theresa Bonoan-David is proposing before the City Council an ordinance that would order the seizure of PNR-owned land, particularly those used for train tracks.

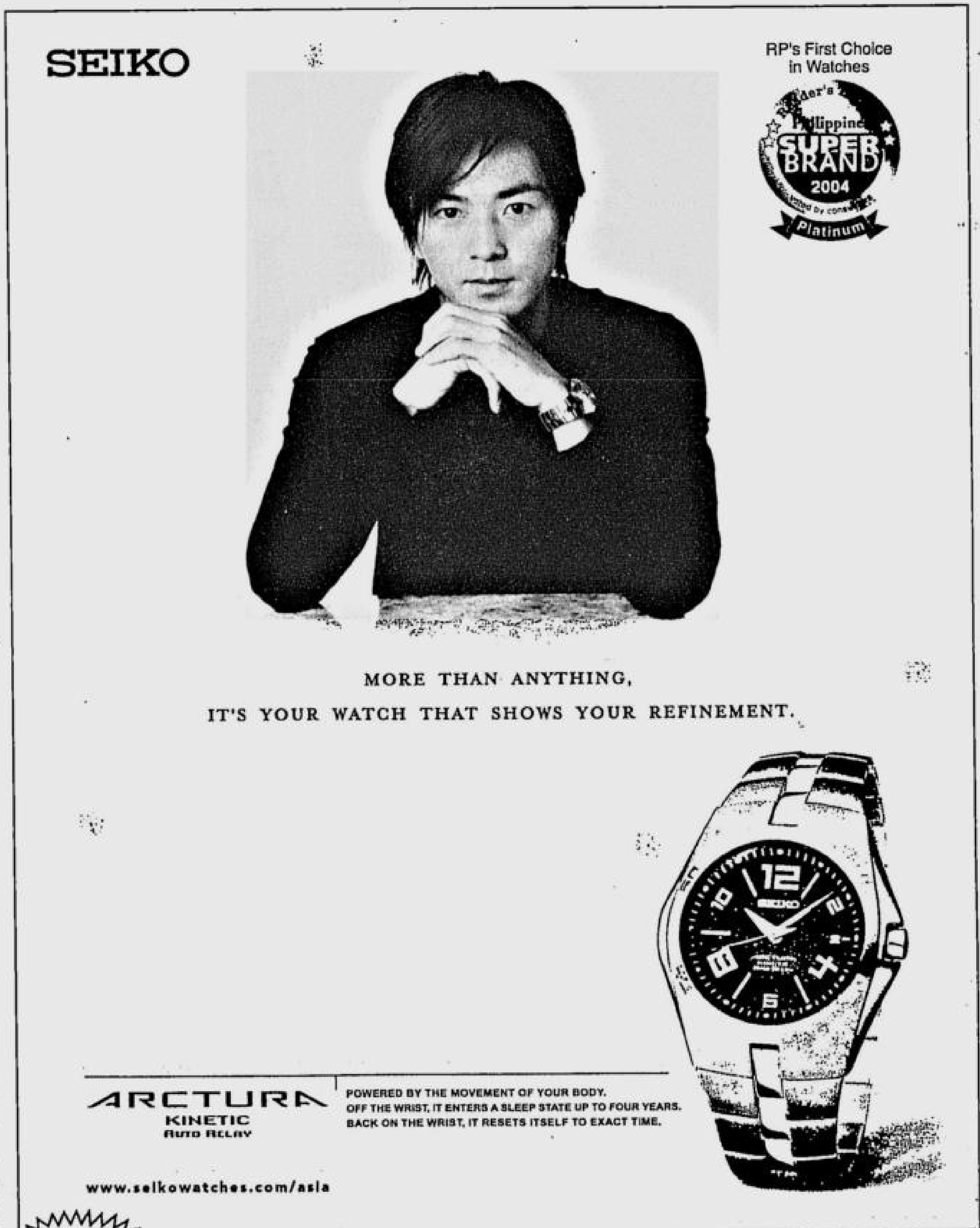
PNR tracks run through Paco, Sta. Ana, Sampaloc and Tondo near the Divisoria commercial district.

"The PNR has been remiss in paying its real property tax after repeated demand, giving the City of Manila the authority to foreclose it," said Bonoan in her proposal.

Bonoan seeks to appropriate the PNR property for a housing project.

"Manila shall construct a medium rise condominium and allot spaces for… tenants [along the railway]," her proposed ordinance read.

In an interview, Bonoan said the PNR tracks across Manila somehow diminishes the city's revenue-generating capability.



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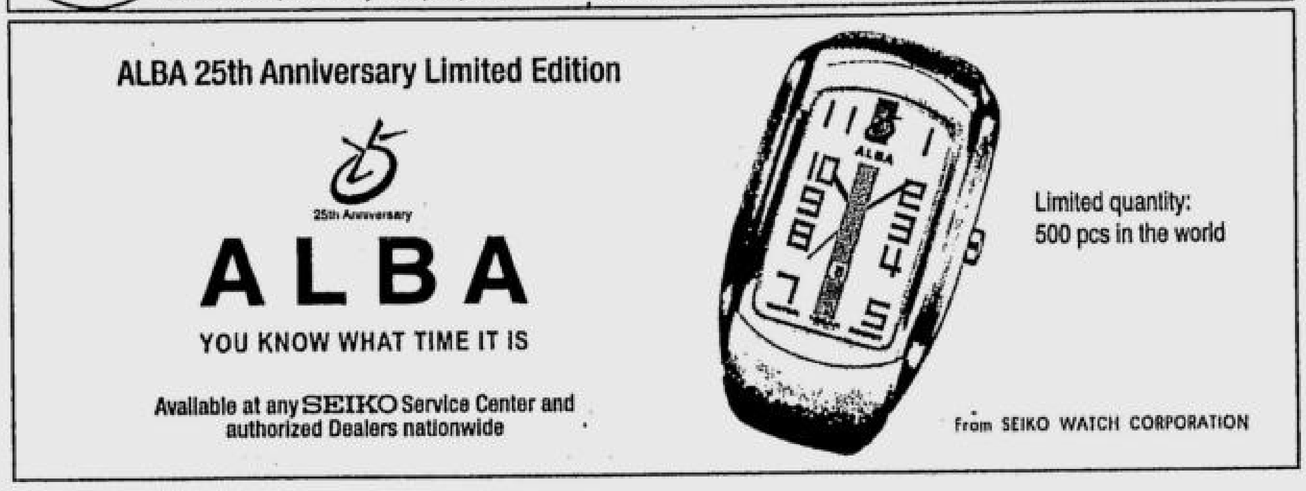

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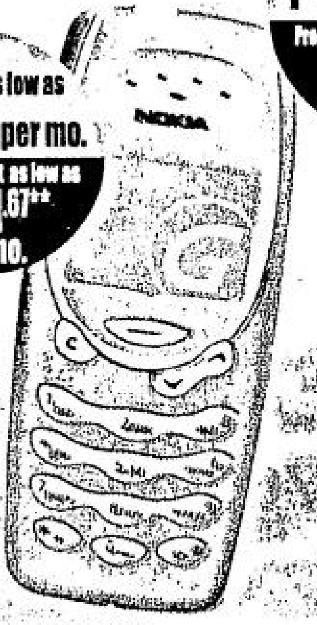
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Pasa coup: Joseph in, Ilagan out

By Marc Anthony Reyes

CEBU CITY—Citing "total loss of confidence," nine of 12 regional directors unseated Monchito Ilagan as president of the Philippine Amateur Swimming Association (Pasa) Saturday and installed former Olympian Mark Joseph as their new head.

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The special meeting and election, held at the Waterfront Hotel here, also appointed Akiko Thomson, also a former Olympian, as secretary general while former Pasa head Ral Rosario, an Asian Games gold medalist, was named technical committee chair.

But Ilagan quickly denounced the meeting, which he said was attended by people who are "no longer members of the Pasa" board. He added that Pasa will "officially elect" its new set of officers in a meeting to be held on Sept. 18 in San Pablo City.

Ilagan said he would elevate the leadership issue to the Philippine Olympic Committee arbitration committee.

Both camps claimed they have documents to prove their cases.

Ilagan said Joseph cannot sit as president because he does not represent a region. But Joseph claimed there's no provision in the Pasa bylaws preventing him from taking the position and cited the case of businessman Wilfred Uytengsu, who was elected Pasa president in the early 1990s.

Citing instances where Ilagan allegedly acted without the knowledge of the board, eight of the nine board members representing the association's regional offices voted to declare Ilagan's position vacant. Region 5 director Tessie Sy abstained but nevertheless voted for Joseph during the election for president.

The nine board members said Ilagan was duly informed about the special meeting, although the Pasa chief denied this, saying "I haven't heard of such a meeting."

However, directors Deedee Gonzales (Region 11), Rodney Baretto (Region 12) and Sy stressed that Ilagan had even tried to prevent them from joining the meeting because "it might have a quorum."

Joseph, a technical committee chief in the Asian Swimming Federation and an "officer-at-large," said they would seek "changes ..." but will extend their hand to all other sectors for the good of swimming."

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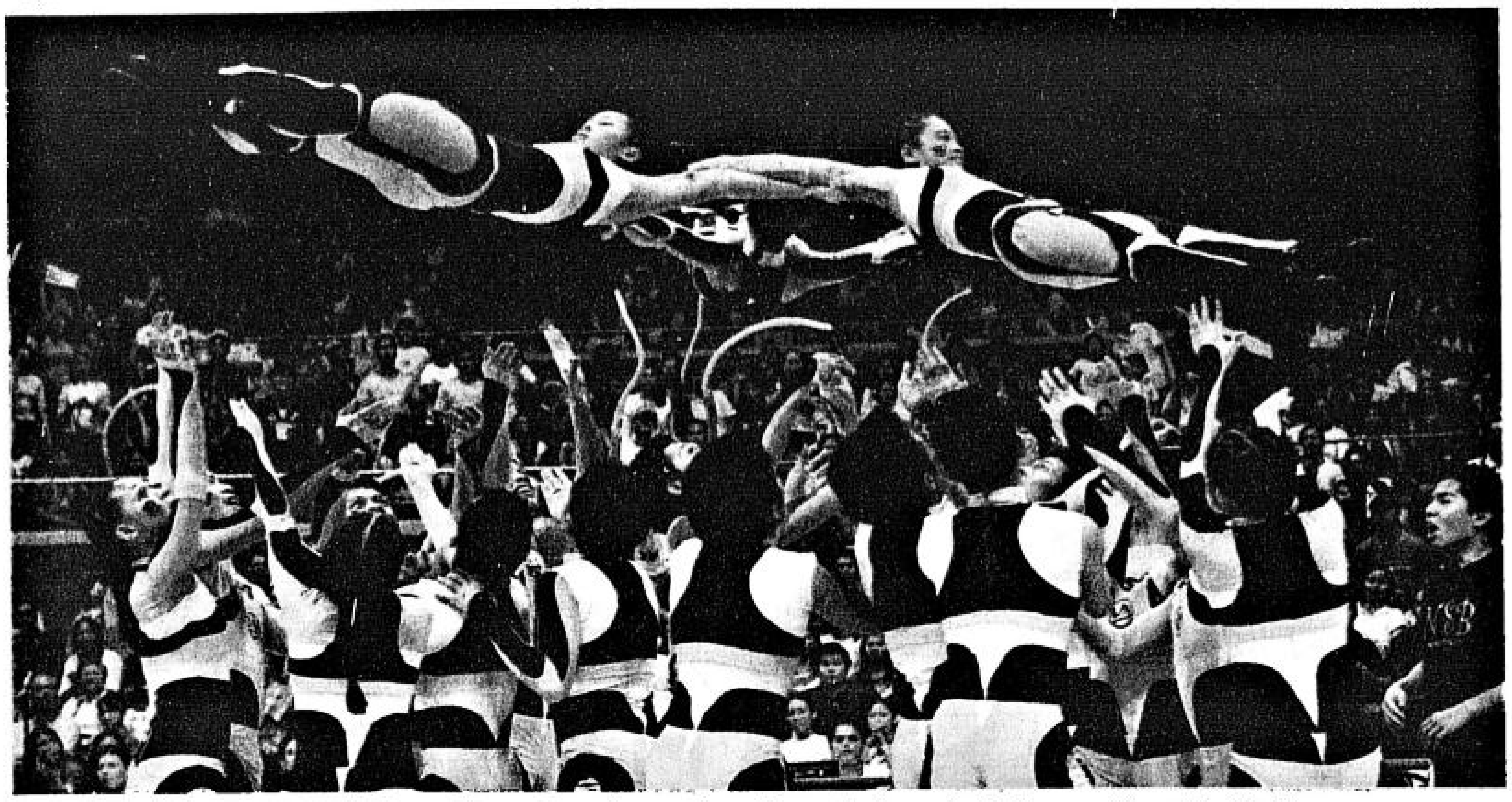

HELICOPTER STUNT: The UST Salinggawi Dance Troupe is a cut above the rest during yesterday's competition at the Big Dome. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

Ateneo vs La Salle tomorrow

UST tops cheering competition anew

By Jasmine W. Payo

THE FIRST of what could be three straight Ateneo-De La Salle dream duels leading to a championship berth in the UAAP varsity basketball tournament is scheduled tomorrow at the Araneta Coliseum.

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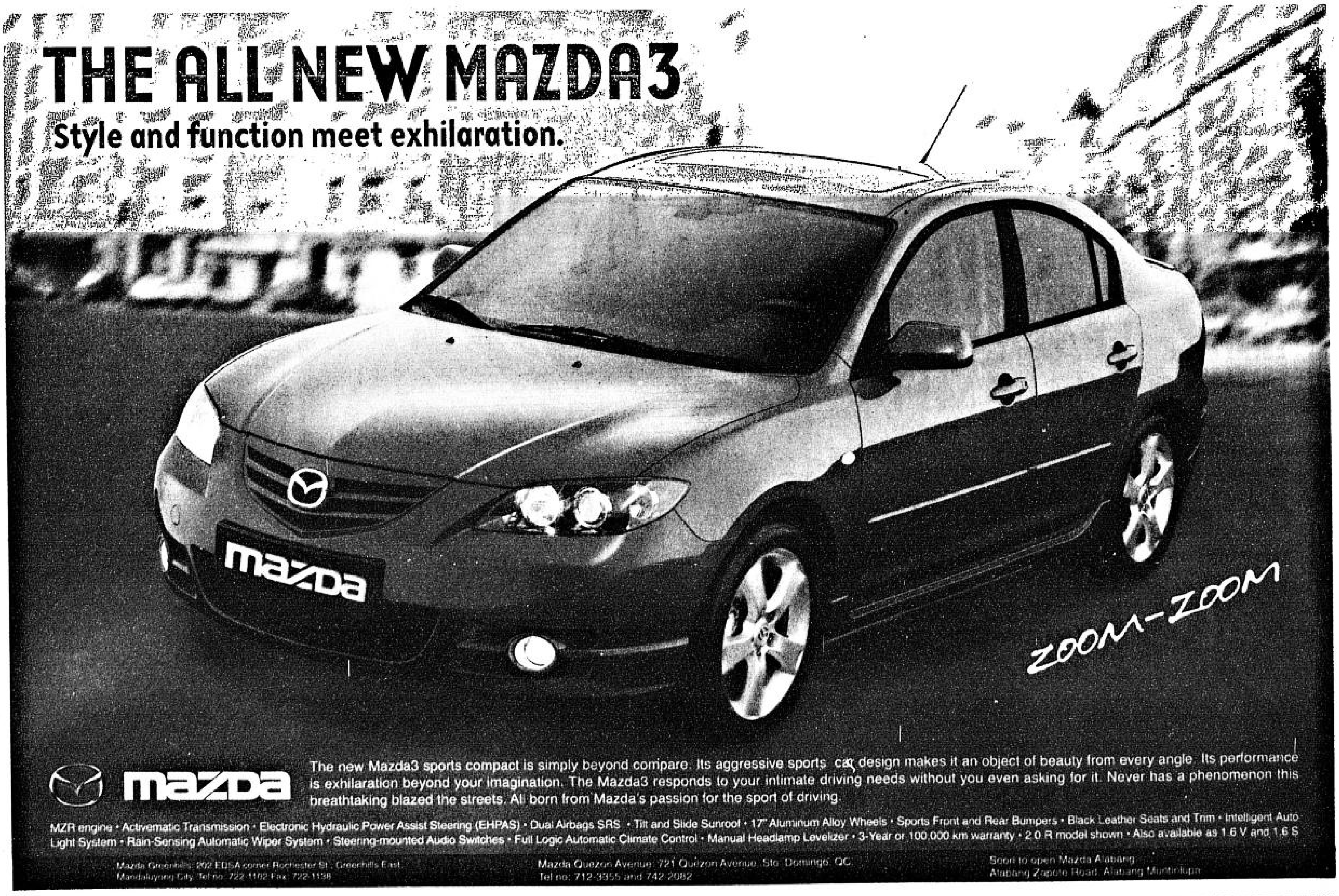

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Ateneo vs La Salle . . .

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The explosive meeting at 3 p.m. decides who gets the No. 2 slot at the end of the eliminations, behind Far Eastern University, and the second twice-to-beat incentive in the Final Four.

Ateneo dropped into a tie with La Salle for second place at 10-4 after taking a 65-51 thrashing from FEU in their clash for No. 1 Saturday.

The loss also paved the way for a Final Four clash between the Eagles and the Archers, who split their two meetings in the eliminations.

Whoever wins tomorrow needs only to repeat on Thursday to secure a title berth. Otherwise, there will be a rubber match—and a rare fifth meeting in a season for the arch rivals, most probably on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the University of Santo Tomas Salinggawi Dance Troupe bagged its third consecutive title in the UAAP Nestle Nonstop Cheering Competition yesterday at the Big Dome.

"There was pressure coming in the competition because we've won back-to-back and all the teams were improving," said UST choreographer Ryan Silva, whose group combined hip-hop, jazz and ballet moves to earn a 93.6 percent score for the P115,000 cash prize.

The University of the Philippines Pep Squad, champions from 1999 to 2001, took second place (90.56 percent) and the P75,000 prize. The Far Eastern University Pep Squad finished third (87.09 percent) to win P45,000.

The final rankings had Ateneo at fourth, followed by La Salle, Adamson, University of the East and National University.

In the lone women's action yesterday, the La Salle Lady Archers improved to third place with a 6-5 record after edging the FEU Lady Tamaraws, 42-35.

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Also attending the meeting where former Olympian Pinky Brosas, who represented NCR director Ike Buan, former president Eddie Boy Ledesma (Region 6), Dale Law (Region 7), Lucrecio Calo (Region 8) and Leon Go (Region 10).

Ilagan said Buan, Ledesma, Law and Rosario were already replaced by new regional directors in elections held early this year. The four, however, claimed that they weren't even informed of the elections where they were supposedly replaced.

"The constitution requires us to hold elections every four years in the regions. Some of them (directors) are (already) there for 12 years," said Ilagan, who claimed he has the solid backing of the new board.

But Joseph said it's best for Ilagan to accept the will of the "same board which elected him."

Joseph, Thomson and Rosario also called on former swimmers to help Pasa "and give back to swimming what swimming has given them."

Ozamiz five downs Batangas

OZAMIZ CITY—The Ozamiz Cotta rode on Egay Echavez's all-around game to whip the depleted Batangas 29ers, 80-74, Saturday night in the NBC (National Basketball Conference) national championship at the Gov. Angel Medina gym here.

The former Purefoods guard scattered 18 points and chalked up six rebounds, six assists and two steals to lead Mayor Reynaldo Parojinog's cagers to their eighth win in 13 games.

Missing the services of John Dale Valena, Jay Lapinid and Jayson Cuevas, the 29ers committed 19 turnovers against thier rivals' 10 and absorbed their seventh loss in 12 outings.

OZAMIZ 80—Echavez 18, Ferraren 18, Cabigkis 14, BAsilides 12, Guerrero 9, Basco 5, Sampilo 3, Cabrera 2, Araman 2, Libatog 0, Gulyab 0, Marquez 0.

BATANGAS 74—Saygo 19, Manucat 15, Mallari 9, Sta.Cruz 8, De Castro 7, Neo 5, Cuevas 2, Rodriguez 0.

Gold medal dreamers offer solutions

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad

AFTER yet another failed hunt for an Olympic gold medal, all we could do is dream, dream, dream.

Just fine. But it must be stressed, no matter how late, that an Olympic gold would not necessarily banish all the grave afflictions hobbling Philippine sports.

The medal could be a spark, a magnificent, wholehearted push to even greater achievements.

But do take note: An Olympic gold medal can never be a cure-all.

Still, no gold, or even half of it.

So, after the debacle in Athens, everybody must strive doubly harder now.

Unfortunately, the best our top sports leaders could do was resort to the same old post-disaster diagnosis.

It's the same old plot. And there will never be an end to this demand for bigger funding.

What's lacking here is a happier, more vibrant twist.

Like, say, sharper solutions to the sporting ills that, pardon this, are being caused by selfish, inept leadership.

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Look, if sports leaders had indeed felt bad about the debacle in Athens, what more of home fans who had been made to hope (by these leaders) that the RP gold hunt would finally be ended?

It won't be an exaggeration to state that, to the very concerned, the frustration brought about by the RP failure in Athens had bordered on terror.

A post-Athens survey of RP sports fans done on the Internet favored the scrapping of our Olympic participation altogether.

At least, there are those who've refused to just sit there and sulk.

They stand up to be counted. They speak out their frustrations.

One of them, Engineer Teofilo R. Palaganas of Champaca, Roxas District in Quezon City, has turned lyrical.

He said he shared our sentiment on the fate of Ms. Tonette Rivero who lost to a Greek blonde storm due to "faulty, biased judging."

Listen: "At 67, I have both witnessed and experienced, on so many occasions, injustice, unfairness, favoritism and discrimination. I firmly believe, just like many others, that as long as decisions are left to human beings, there will always be the possibility of inequities to happen again and again, perhaps due to mortal frailties and satanic influence. In fact, it doesn't occur only in sports, but in other endeavors or competitions. Now, let me share my unsolicited proposition with concerned sports officials both here and abroad: It's about time they used judging through automation, computerization, as applied adequately in fencing. This is perhaps most appropriate for all contact sports like boxing, taekwondo, etc."

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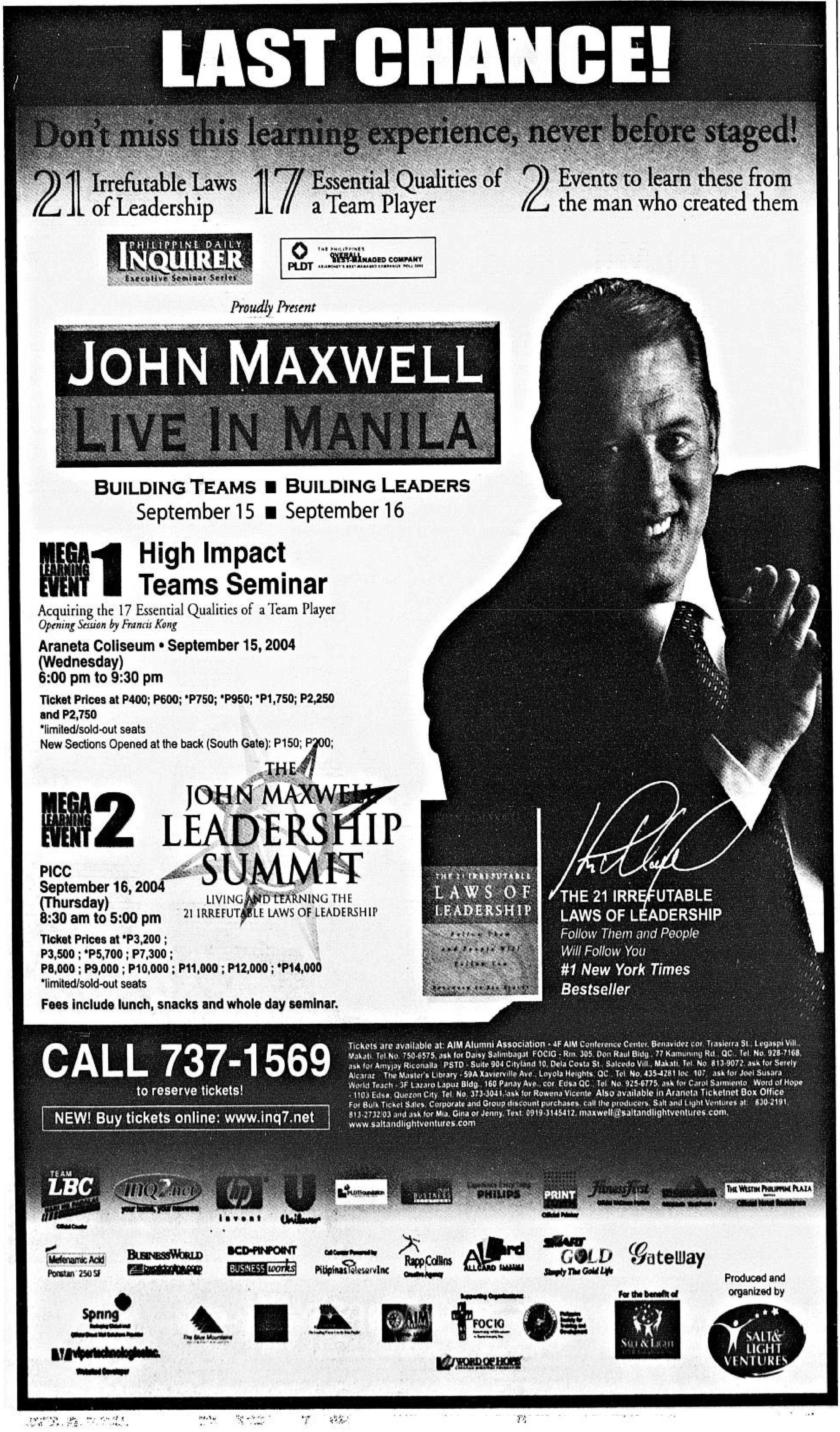
Thank you very much, sir, for your kind concern.

Now, let's turn to Antonio P. Dacer, a boxing manager and trainer from Bangkal, Davao City: "I sincerely believe we have enough materials to build world champions and Olympic gold medal winners. In amateur boxing, the biggest problem lies in the system, or the lack of a proper set-up. The role of the Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines should be limited only to ministerial. The ABAP should be there only to assist the needs of boxers, trainers, second, managers, etc. It should be there to settle disputes, impose discipline, set standards and help form national teams. The training of amateur boxers should be left to knowledgeable private groups or individuals, while the trainers and managers of these talented and select amateur fighters must go with the athletes to international tournaments. If we open the gate to private groups, there would be a wider base to select our boxers for international meets. We won't be left sending losing amateurs to the Olympics again and again. This way, the government can also save a lot of money spent for discovering, training of amateur boxers. There will be a vast field with the professional boxing sector and other private entities being encouraged to join the quest for an Olympic gold medal. Look, if you train an amateur boxer now, spend time, effort, and give all you can, you'd get nothing in return, you'd never get him back once he's taken into the ABAP pool. The boxer would end up deserting you because you don't have a contract with him. If the ABAP could provide assurance to private groups, there will be an influx of truly great Olympic hopefuls who abound all over the country."

Unless the system is changed, Mr. Dacer said, the RP Olympic gold medal will remain a dream forever.



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So, Galan bag 2 golds each in Asean chess; RP 3rd

BIG MOVE: Wesley So sizzles in Vietnam.

FILIPINO whiz kids Wesley So and Jan Nigel Galan captured a pair of gold medals each yesterday to lead the Philippines to a five-gold haul and a respectable third place finish in the 5th Asean Age-Group Chess Championships in Vung-Tau, Vietnam.

The 10-year-old boy in the old Promil television commercial tallied 8.5 points in nine rounds to rule the boys' 12-under rapid event by two points over closest pursuer Chung Juen-sen of Singapore.

So, whose trip to the tournament is supported by the First Gentleman Foundation of lawyer Jose Miguel Arroyo, also bagged the gold in standard play via a tiebreak over Terry Chua, also of Singapore.

Galan matched So's feat by ruling the rapid event in the boys' 10-under play and the team event with silver medalist Marc Christian Nazario, another player backed by the foundation.

Team rookie Jedara Docena of Tagbilaran, Bohol, accounted for the country's fifth gold by topping the rapid event in the girls' 12-under division.

Apart from Nazario's runner-up finish, the Philippines also bagged seven silver and as many bronze medals in the championships that lured the region's finest young chess talents.

University of the East junior stalwart Aices Salvador copped the silver in the rapid event of the girls' 14-under play. Backed by the Manila Sports Council head Ali Atienza, Salvador won her last game despite suffering from conjunctivitis.

Vietnam took top honors with 60 gold, 36 silver and 29 bronze medals, followed

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Olympic jins revel in joy, pride of fans

By Jasmine W. Payo

THEIR bruises are still healing but the heartache of losing in the Olympics is long gone.

Despite their failed medal bid in Athens, Greece, taekwondo jins Mary Antoinette Rivero, Donald David Geisler and Tshomlee Go said they were surprised with all the recognition coming their way.

"At first, *masama ang loob namin*. We were thinking that when we get home, *mapapahiya kami*. But even if we didn't get a medal, people are still proud of us," said Go during a recent testimonial dinner at the Moro Lorenzo Sports Center at the Ateneo de Manila University.

The Moro Lorenzo Sports Institute, a privately funded organization that trains and supports some of the country's top local athletes, awarded the three jins and their coaches—Jobet Morales and Korean Kim Tae Hyung—plaques of appreciation for their valiant effort in the Olympics.

"Right now people still come up to us and say that they're proud of us, that we did very well. It makes us feel good," said Geisler, who's still wearing a special orthopedic boot after dislocating his left ankle during the Games.

"I can start training in six weeks. I'm hoping to qualify again in the 2008 Olympics. This was my second time but it always feels great to be an Olympian," said Geisler, a veteran of the Sydney Olympics.

The Olympic experience was also overwhelming for Go and Rivero. "It was the best because they treat athletes differently. Everything is so different. You really can't compare the Olympics with other competitions," said the 16-year-old Rivero, the country's youngest bet in Athens.

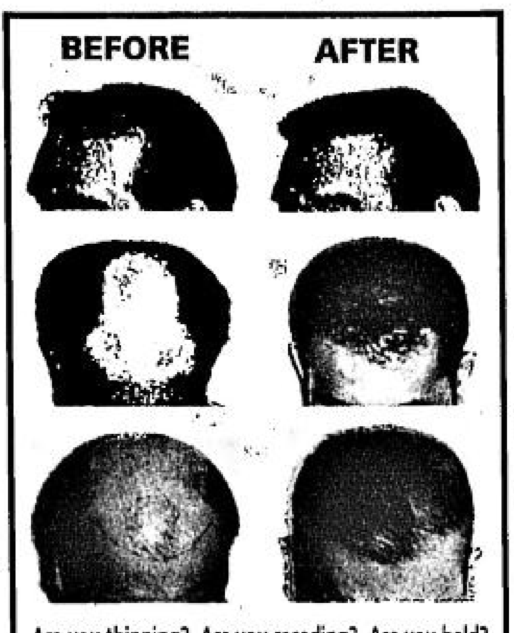
WE'LL BE BACK: Donald Geisler, Marie Antoinette Rivero and Tshomlee Go before the Athens battles. ARTEMIO T. ENGRACIA

Rivero moved within a win of a silver medal after winning over her opponents from Argentina and the Netherlands in the women's under-67 kg class. But she later lost to her veteran rival from Greece.

Geisler needed three wins in the repechage round to win a bronze medal in the men's under-80 kg category. But the referee stopped his fight in the final two minutes after his left ankle crashed into his Tunisian opponent's right knee. He was taken out of the arena in a stretcher.

It was also a heartbreaking loss for Go, who was defeated in the dying seconds of his first match in the men's under-57 class.

"I watched my game, *sayang*. I already watched it three times. I guess it just wasn't for me. But we'll try to do better next time. We want to be back," said Go.



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Pascua tops N. Luzon Milo run

LAOAG CITY—Reynaldo Pascua ended Rodolfo Tacadino's reign as Northern Luzon regional champion of the National Milo Marathon here yesterday.

Pascua engaged Tacadino in a heated battle going into the final 10 kilometers of the 21-K race then finished strong to snap Tacadino's winning run at eight with a time of one hour, eight minutes and 54 seconds.

Tacadino came home 11 seconds behind Pascua, with Leonardo Sebastian placing third.

Pascua said he was prepared this time although he needed a mighty effort in the last 500 meters to secure the victory worth P10,000 and a cellphone.

Tacadino said he has not fully recovered after a bout with the flu last Thursday, but added he could have given Pascua a good fight had he known a cellphone was also at stake.

The women's race was a breeze for Vilma Butac, who completed the course in 1:31:59. She was followed home by American volunteers Leigh Bonner Tillman of Maryland (1:49:29) and Justine Anne Baruch of Colorado (1:54:54).

The 19-year-old Butac, a student from Mariano Marcos State University, said it was her first 21-K race and vowed to train harder in the next two months for a decent showing in the finals.

THE TOP three finishers in the men's race in Laoag City with (from left) provincial board member Shirley Ongsin, Michael Keon, Imelda Marcos and Pat Goc-ong.

The top three male and female finishers will represent Region I in the 42-K National Finals in Metro Manila on Nov. 14.

The race, held in partnership with Globe Handyphone, Cebu Pacific, Bayview Park Manila, adidas and the Department of Tourism, finished here for the first time after organizers moved the race from Tuguegarao.

Provincial board member and consultant for sports development Michael Keon, the former Project Gintong Alay chair, fired the starting gun that set off about 6,100 runners in front of the Ilocos Norte Provincial Capitol building.

Former first lady Imelda Romualdez Marcos helped Milo Sports executive Pat Goc-ong and race director Rudy Biscocho in handing the awards to the winners.

The 5-K fun run was dominated by James Galo (16:40) and Mary Abegail Bugao (24:27).

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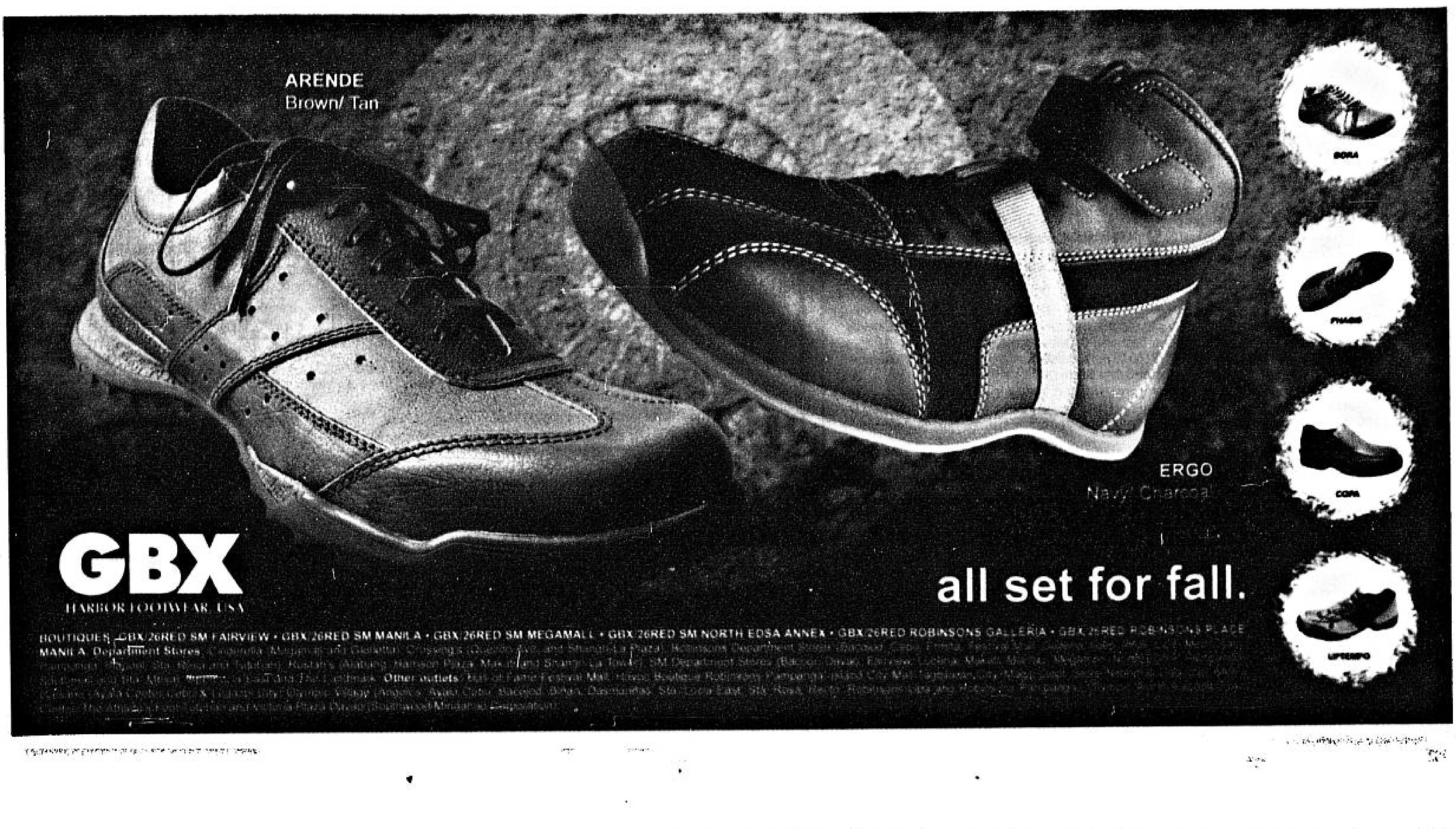
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Cockfighting and bird flu

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo

HERE'S a toast to a cocker-gentleman and my former Evening Post colleague, Rey Briones, for preserving his winning ways in the local cockfighting scene.

A past World Slasher champion and Pasay Cockpit "Cocker of the Year," Briones recently emerged a co-winner of the 18th Annual Ray-Showdown 7-Stag Derby at the Roligon Mega Cockpit.

Posting an impressive six wins against only one loss, Briones shared top honors with John Pe, Romy Tan and Romano Castillo in the star-studded derby hosted by Danny Ty and Romero Yu.

And while on the subject of cockfighting, I say we are fortunate that the deadly bird flu has not yet reached our shores. Only last Wednesday, Thailand reported the death of a fighting-cock handler who was stricken with the H5N1 virus after 30 of his fighting cocks died due to the lethal strain. He was the 28th Asian fatality since bird flu swept the region this year.

According to news reports, the World Health Organization said the man's death was unlikely to be the last as the virus was endemic in Asia. "The virus is still there and we don't think any real progress has been made in fully eradicating it," said Peter Cordingley, WHO spokesperson for Western Pacific. Cordingley added that fighting-cock handlers were particularly at greater risk because training the birds required extensive and personal handling.

Bird flu is considered by medical experts as comparable, if not deadlier, to last year's global outbreak of SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome). So far, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, China and Malaysia have all reported bird flu outbreaks since July.

"We are not worried," said Briones during an interview. "All our fighting cocks are well cared for. We have taken preventive measures by giving our chickens regular dosages of antibiotics and multivitamins, aside from the fact that our farms are clean and well-maintained."

Scientists said migrating birds could have introduced the virus in their droppings or passed it on to domesticated birds during stopovers in their annual winter journeys south for the warm weather. Ever since the first outbreak of bird flu in Asia, millions of birds have been killed to contain it.

Asia is a major source of chickens and ducks, supplying 27 percent of the world's poultry needs. According to economic experts, if bird flu is not contained in the region, it would devastate Asia's poultry industry and leave thousands of people jobless.

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ON GAMBLING: Reports that the gambling operations of Macau casino king Stanley Ho have made a comeback in the country are wearing thin with antigambling crusaders, who say that the government must stop Ho and his cronies from conducting their activities here because gambling destroys the lives of people and undermines the moral fiber of the nation.

"People need jobs, not gambling," former Manila Mayor Mel Lopez once said. Lopez ordered the closure of two casinos in 1990 when he was the city's chief executive.

"People should realize that gambling is not the way to earn money," stressed the influential Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines. "People should know that God does not approve of that."

And in a privilege speech he delivered last Monday, Samar Rep. Catalino Figueroa said, "Even industries catering to our vices are being taken over by foreigners." He said a group of notorious characters identified with Ho is now "moving steadily and forcefully into controlling the casino and other gambling operations in our country."

According to PDI reporter Carlito Pablo, Figueroa said a certain Jack Lin, also known as Lin Wei Cheng, "quietly inaugurated" the Sheraton Marina Casino Hotel in Malate under a franchise granted by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. Figueroa added he could not understand why Pagcor was granting franchises to establishments when it was clear that only Congress had the authority to grant gambling franchises.

Figueroa also said Lin was also the man behind the reported renovation of Ho's floating restaurant docked at the back of the Cultural Center of the Philippines complex for opening of a new hotel-casino in October and at the Fort Ilocandia hotel-casino in Ilocos Norte.

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The Bids and Awards Committee (BAC)-MMSD of NPC invites interested bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following requirements:

Schedule	Date/Time & Place of Bidding	Item Description	PR No./Inquiry No.	ABC
I	Sept. 27, 2004 2:00 P.M. Kañao Room	Power Quality Analyzer for Bantayan DPP "MAN"	PB040805-MMER1374 (PB 2)	1,300,000.00
II		Mechanical Parts for Polillo DPP "Perkins"	PB040927-MMSB1734	2,331,100.00
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V		Drydocking of Power Barge 111 located at Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat	PB040928-MMVB1736	3,000,000.00

NOTE : A Pre-bidding Conference will be held for the following bidding schedules:

Schedule	Date	Time	Place
Schedule I - IV	Sept. 13, 2004	2:00 P.M.	Moriones Function Room
Schedule V	Sept. 13, 2004	3:00 P.M.	Moriones Function Room

Complete sets of Application form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from the Materials Management Services Division, Materials Management Dept. of NPC, Diliman, Quezon City with Tel. No. 9245357/9245477 upon payment of non-refundable fee of PHP 500.00 per schedule starting on September 3, 2004, from 8:30 to 11:30 A.M. only. No bid documents will be issued 3 days before the date of bidding.

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(PDI – September 6 & 13, 2004)

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NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS OF THE CLOSED FIRST SAVINGS BANK

1. The Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) will start its operations for the servicing of claims for insured deposits in the closed First Savings Bank (FSB) on Tuesday, September 14, 2004.
2. Depositors are requested to proceed directly to the FSB office/branch where they maintained their deposits, which have been designated as payoff sites (please refer to table below). PDIC representatives are stationed at these payoff sites to accept claims and entertain queries of depositors during office hours, Monday to Friday.

   The PDIC has designated Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) as its paying agent. Numbers of approved claims that have been turned over by PDIC to LBP shall be posted at the payoff sites. Depositors are therefore requested to refer to these numbers before proceeding to LBP servicing branch for payment of claims.

FSB Office	Payoff Site	LBP Servicing Branch	Duration of Initial Operations
E. Rodriguez Ave. Head Office	268 E. Rodriguez Sr. Blvd., New Manila, Quezon City	G. Araneta	September 14 to 30, 2004
Cubao Branch	597 CRB Bldg., EDSA, Cubao, Quezon City	Cubao	September 14 to 30, 2004
Divisoria Branch	514 Recto Ave., corner Sto. Cristo St., Tondo, Manila	Tayuman	September 14 to October 5, 2004
Plaza Rizal Branch	Plaza Rizal St., Plaza Aldea Tanay, Rizal	Tanay	September 14 to October 5, 2004

After the said dates, all depositors can file their claims personally at the PDIC Claims Counter, 6th Floor, SSS Bldg., Ayala Avenue corner V.A. Rufino St., Makati City, from Monday to Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., or by mail addressed to:

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Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation
2228 Chino Roces Avenue
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3. Depositors are advised to present the following requirements to the PDIC representatives when filing their claims:
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   b. Two (2) latest identification cards/documents (IDs) with depositor's signature.

   Other documents maybe required by the PDIC representatives in the course of their processing of claims filed.
4. Pursuant to the provision of R.A. 3591, as amended by R.A. 9302, the prescriptive date (last day) for filing of claims for insured deposits in the closed First Savings Bank is on **September 7, 2006.** After **September 7, 2006**, PDIC as insurer, shall no longer accept any claim for insured deposits maintained with the said closed bank.

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(PDI – September 13 & 14, 2004)

Annika hits stride, zeroes in on crown

SORENSTAM

BROKEN ARROW, Oklahoma—Annika Sorenstam took a three-stroke lead into the final round of the John Q. Hammons Hotel Classic, shooting a 3-under 68 on Saturday on the demanding Cedar Ridge Country Club course.

The Swedish star, the 2002 winner at Tulsa Country Club who is making her first LPGA Tour start since the Women's British Open in late July, had an 8-under 134 total. England's Joanne Morley was second after a 67.

"I didn't touch a golf club for three weeks. I'm surprised," said Sorenstam, who won the HP Open in Sweden on Aug. 8 in her last tournament appearance.

Sorenstam, seeking her fifth LPGA Tour win of the season and 53rd of her career, had a strong ball-striking day, hitting 16 greens in regulation and finishing with four birdies and a bogey.

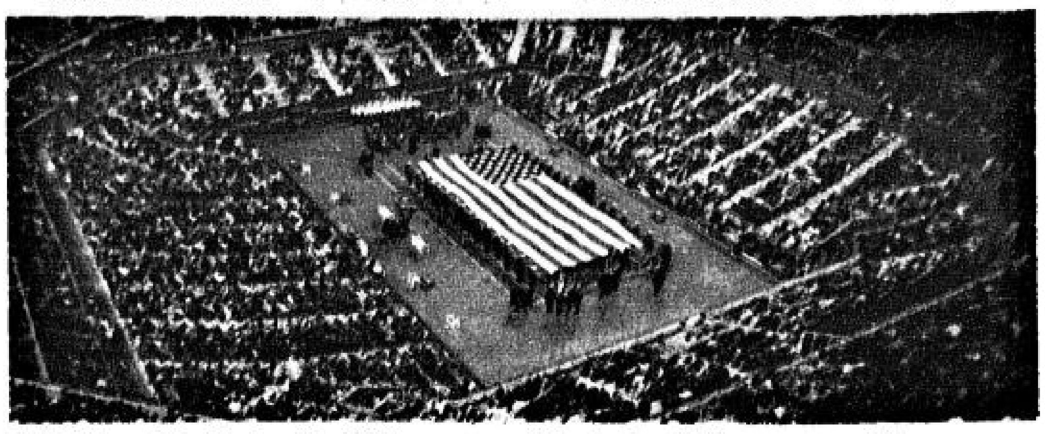
"I really wasn't in trouble, that's the key here, hitting fairways, hitting greens," Sorenstam said. "I've got to continue to do that. Anything can happen on this course."

Johanna Head (69), Karen Stupples (70) and Shi Hyun Ahn (73) were five strokes back at 3 under, and second-round leader Christina Kim (75) was another shot behind along with Kelli Kuehne (72) and Mikaela Parmlid (140).

Sorenstam, who began the round a stroke behind Kim, quickly moved to the top of the leaderboard.

Kim hit her third shot into the water en route to a double bogey on the par-5 opening hole to drop into a tie with Sorenstam and Morley at 5 under, and Sorenstam moved ahead with a 10-foot birdie putt on the par-3 second hole. *AP*

Sports remembers 9-11



A FLAG is unfurled before the US Open women's final as fans hold a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks. REUTERS

NEW YORK—On the third anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, the victims were remembered and honored in sporting events around the country and the world.

In Baltimore, the New York Yankees wore commemorative hats with an American flag on the side during their game against the Orioles.

"It seems that you can say that it's only three years, and yet it seems like yesterday and yet it seems like its been with us our whole life," Yankees manager Joe Torre said Saturday.

In Valencia, Spain, Olympic gold-medal cyclist Tyler Hamilton marked the anniversary after his time trial win at the Spanish Vuelta. During an interview with a Spanish television station, he dedicated his win to the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

At the US Open in New York, a tribute to the city's police and fire departments was held between the second and third set of the men's semifinal between Lleyton Hewitt and Joachim Johansson.

Saturday evening's women's final began on a somber note, with spectators joining in a moment of silence to remember victims of Sept. 11, 2001, and the recent terrorist attack at a school in Russia. Svetlana Kuznetsova and Elena Dementieva both wore black ribbons in memory of the hundreds of Russian victims, and they walked out from the locker room wearing blue baseball caps with "FDNY" and "NYPD" to honor New York's police and fire workers. Dementieva asked the crowd to observe another moment of silence after the match.

The New York Mets honored relatives of victims, as well as survivors of the attacks, before their game with Philadelphia at Shea Stadium. *AP*

Weir takes 3-shot lead

OAKVILLE, Ontario—Mike Weir could not have hit the ball any better.

He can't recall putting any worse.

On a crazy day at the Canadian Open, Weir made only one birdie putt out of 13 good chances—eight of those misses inside 18 feet—but still managed to increase his lead by three shots in his bid to become the first Canadian in 50 years to win his national championship.

"I could tell things weren't happening," Weir said after a 1-under 70. "Sometimes you've got to wait for it. And I had to wait for 18 holes."

The only birdie putt he made Saturday at Glen Abbey came at a good time—a 6-footer on the 18th that gave him a three-shot lead over Vijay Singh, Jesper Parnevik and Cliff Kresge. *AP*

Shaq cuts record

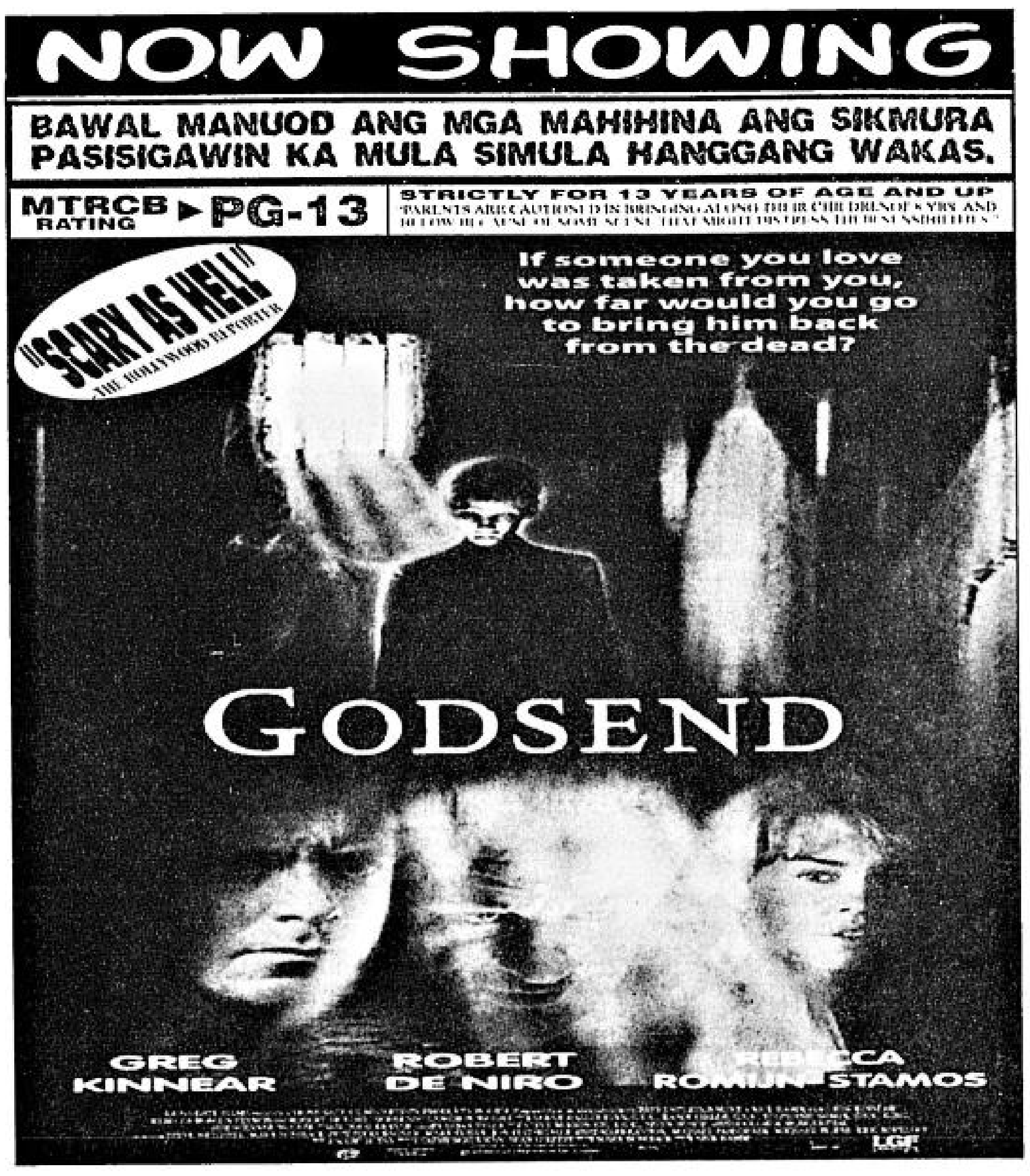
LOS ANGELES—The way Shaquille O'Neal sees it, he soars higher than Kobe Bryant, and he's got the rap to back it up. And the Miami Heat center isn't crazy about Detroit Pistons center Ben Wallace, either.

O'Neal's latest rap album effort is a CD entitled "Hot in Here Part Five."

On "You Not The Fightin' Type," O'Neal sets out to even scores with Bryant, who he believes got him traded from the Los Angeles Lakers, and Wallace, whose Pistons defeated the Lakers for this year's NBA championship.

"I heard your little interview and what Ben Wallace said. I ain't got no response for spider-web head,", O'Neal raps.

"Even with wings you never as fly as me," he continues. "You remind me of Kobe Bryant trying to be as high as me." *AP*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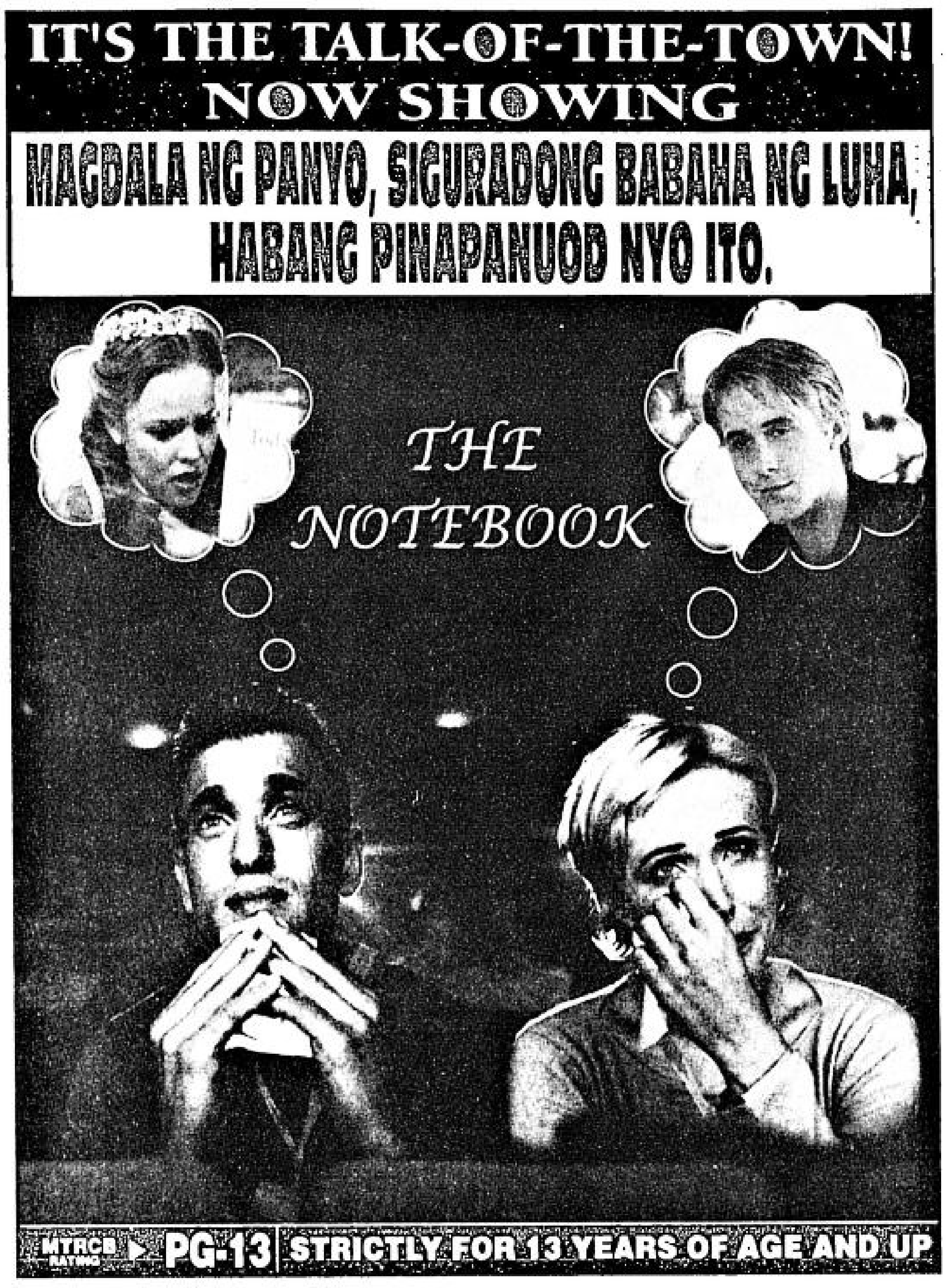
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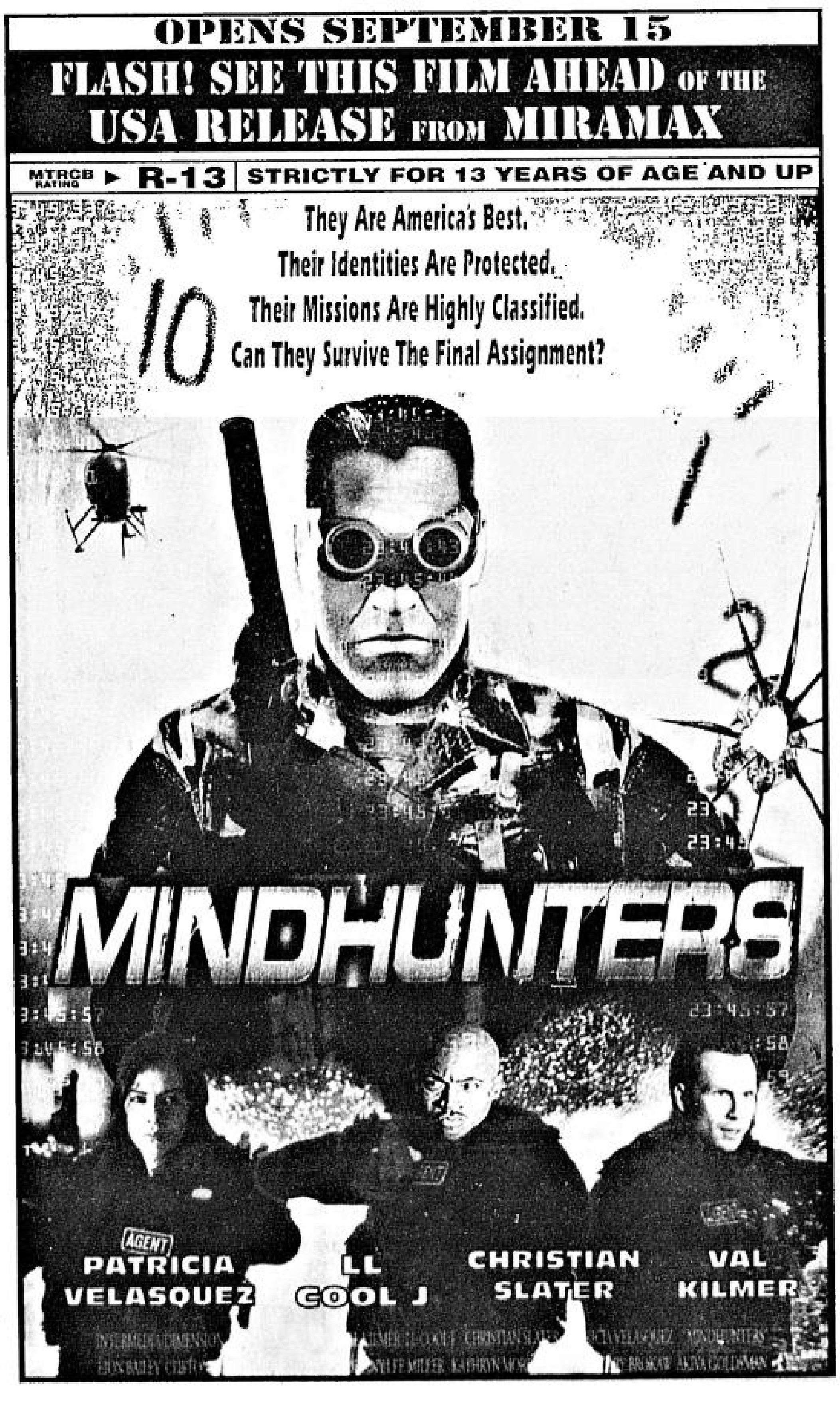
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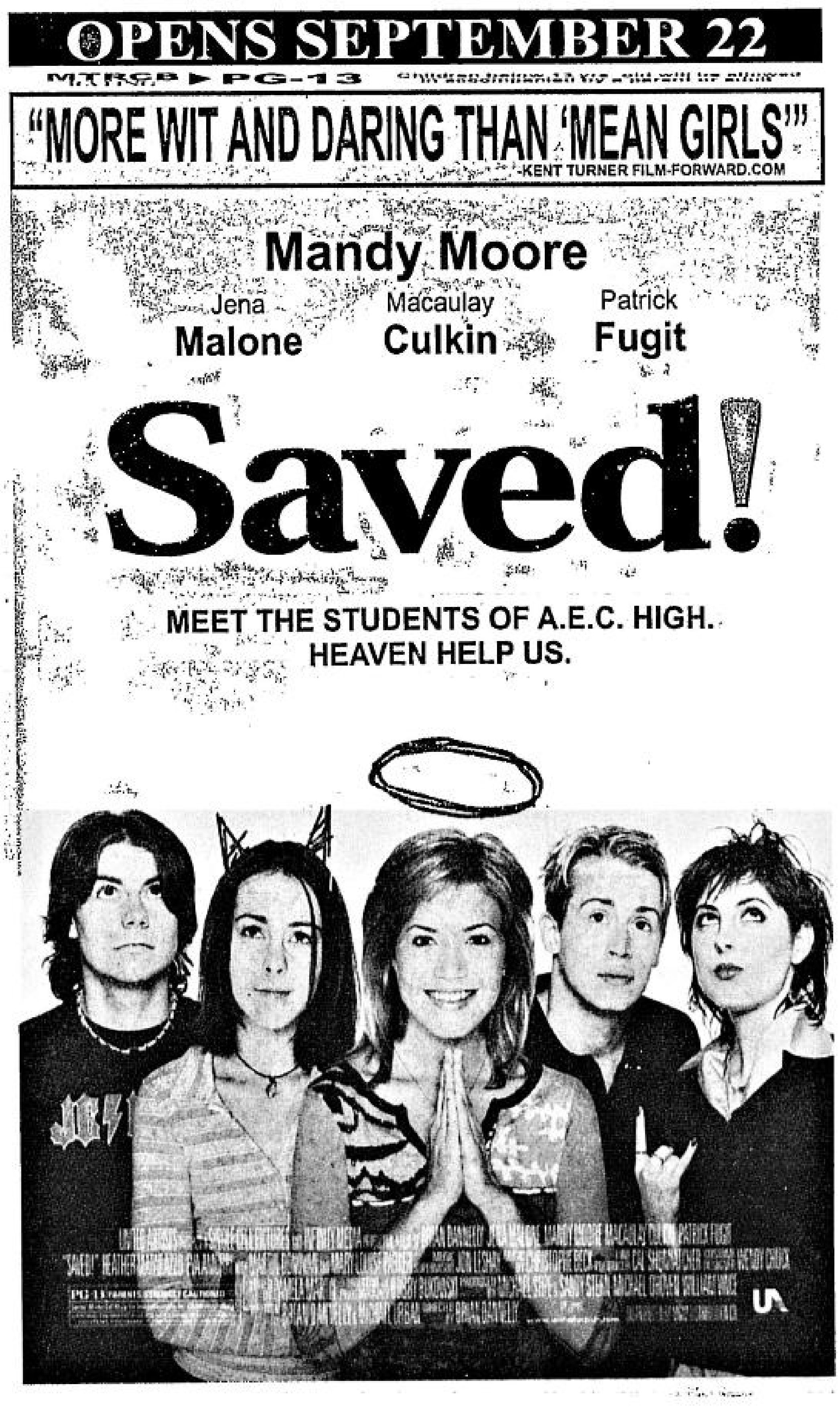
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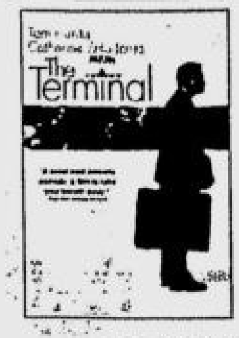

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School asks exemption for Muslims

TAMPA, Florida—The University of South Florida will ask the National Collegiate Athletic Association to grant an exemption to its uniform policy and allow a Muslim player to wear Islamic clothing on the basketball court. Andrea Armstrong, a Muslim convert, said she left the team and lost her athletic scholarship last week after her coach told her she could not wear religiously mandated clothing during practices or games. She wanted to wear long pants, a top with long sleeves and a head scarf. School officials said Armstrong voluntarily left the team and was not pressured to do so. In a meeting Friday involving Armstrong, the university and the Council on American-Islamic Relations, officials agreed the team would accommodate her Islamic attire and reinstate her scholarship. The university also agreed to work with the NCAA on this matter. The NCAA's basketball rule book devotes five pages to uniforms but does not address religious issues. **AP**

Cash-rich cockfight slated

AFTER THE highly successful RAY-Showdown derby, Roligon Mega Cockpi sets its eyes on another proven yearly blockbuster—the cash-rich Rolly Ligon's 2004 Stag Festival 5-Stag Derby. Backed by Thunderbird Enertone & Thunderbird Multi-Grain Concentrate, the three-day competition is set on Oct. 2, 4, and 6. A guaranteed cash prize of P1,000,000 is at stake for a low entry fee of P6,600. Minimum bet is P4,400. Handler's prize is P70,000, while the top gaffer gets P30,000. A P50,000 day champion prize for each of the two separate two-stag eliminations is at stake on Oct. 2 and 4.

NCA derby postponed

THE THIRD leg of the NCA 7-Stag Derby scheduled on Sept. 14 and 16 and hosted by Ruel Ricafort, Edgar Santos and Ronnie Puno at the Araneta Coliseum has been moved to give way to the UAAP men's seniors basketball game between the De La Salle Green Archers and Ateneo Blue Eagles. The derbies after the third leg will go on as scheduled and are set on the original dates. The highlight of the NCA 7-Stag Derby series is the grueling 8-Stag National Championship on Nov. 9, 11, and 13 which will dramatically end the NCA Stag Wars. Also up for grabs is the coveted Stagfighter of the Year Award, given to the entry with the best win record for the entire duration of the NCA series.

Gent's stagfest set

THE EXPLOSIVE one-on-one duel of big-time cockers takes the spotlight in the Gentleman Cockers Association of the Philippines (GCAP) 5-Stag Derby series starting today at the Las Piñas Coliseum. Pagcor-Casino Filipino and Sagupaan Complexor 3000 are the sponsors. Derby aficionados can expect fierce matches pitting last week's champion Patrick Antonio against Sonny Lagon; 2004 NCA Cocker of the Year winners Pol Estrellado and Boy Royo versus Ramon Mancenares; Mayor Nene Aguilar challenging Rep. Rudy Albano; Benjie Lim facing Jet Fernando and Gov. Ito Ynares against Bulljack Fortaleza and Ryochi Saito. For details, call 8731040 and 8743910.

Esguerra horses in sweeping victory

By Edwin Villanueva
Contributor

DOMINATING.

That summed up yesterday's fiery run of Hermie Esguerra's gallopers who swept all three big races at the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

Real Slew won the fifth leg of the Imported Stakes Series, capping the sizzling show that also starred One Vision and Real Tough.

One Vision got back at stablemate Lamborghini in topping the Pre-Juvenile, while Real Tough proved too tough for the field in capturing the National Defense College Cup.

Ace jockey Pat Dilema more than made up for Lamborghini's narrow loss to the Ronald Baldonido-steered One Vision as he powered Real Slew and Real Tough to the other victories for the prominent Plaridel, Bulacan, horseowner.

Real Slew, a 5-year-old chestnut mare sired by King's Theatre out of Chase the Chick, barreled ahead at the top of the stretch then outkicked stablemate Royal Catch as Esguerra's bets scored a rare double 1-2 finish.

At the end of the 1,600-meter race, Real Slew was a length up on the Baldonido-guided Royal Catch, while Surprise Target arrived six lengths off the winner after nipping Time Gentleman and Being There.

"*Alam kong mananalo na pagsungaw sa rekta kasi di ko pa pinapalo eh* (I knew we'd win by the time we reached the top of the stretch because I hadn't applied the whip yet)," said Dilema, who practically used the same ploy on Real Tough.

Real Tough, a 4-year-old bay colt by Heart of Arabia out of Golden Doble, pulled away at the home turn to beat second placer Day and Night by six lengths in the one-mile event.

Earlier, the Justino "Nick" Atienza-trained One Vision, a 2-year-old chestnut filly by former Triple Crown champion Real Top out of Admirala, caught Lamborghini in the dwindling strides to the wire to avenge her loss to the latter in the first leg of the Juvenile Championships.

"Maybe she (Lamborghini) got rattled because it's her first time to run at the SLLP," said Dilema in Filipino.

Real Slew, who netted P270,000, clocked 1:40.5, while Real Tough, who took P240,000, timed 1:43. One Vision, who won P125,000, negotiated the 1,400-m contest in 1:28 flat.

Phelps starts training for Beijing 2008

TOWSON, Maryland—Michael Phelps isn't wasting time. He's getting ready for the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

"I've already started my training schedule for the next four years," he said.

Three weeks after the Athens Games, in which he won six gold medals and two bronze, Phelps was feted in his hometown Saturday.

Asked if he would try again to match Mark Spitz's record seven gold medals, Phelps said, "I wouldn't count anything out."

Phelps, 19, could retire from swimming tomorrow and his legacy would be secure.

Cedar Avenue, the quiet street that's home to Towson High School, was renamed "Michael Phelps Way." Phelps graduated from the school two years ago. *AP*

Junior golf school slated

THE SAMSUNG Jungolf Tour resumes with the school season series starting on Sunday, Sept. 19 at the Mt. Malarayat Golf and Country Club in Lipa, Batangas and the Riviera Executive Course in Silang, Cavite.

Players in Class A (15-17 years), Class B (13-14), Class C (11-12) and Class D (9-10) will be teeing off at Malarayat, while those in Class E (7-8) and Class F (6-under) will be at the pitch-and-putt Riviera layout.

The tournament will mark the return of the country's top jungolfers to the local fairways after a triumphant campaign in international events.

During the past three months, local jungolfers had won big events in America and in Southeast Asia with JR Gonzales coming home with the biggest prize, a Junior World trophy as winner of the boys 7-8 years division in San Diego.

Miguel Tabuena and Dottie Ardina likewise won their divisions in the US Kids World Championship, Marcel Puyat won in the Asian Masters in Indonesia, and Paulina Sotto topped her class in the McGregor-Hong Kong Junior Open.

'Para' cager banned

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado—Paul Hill, a United States Paralympic wheelchair basketball hopeful, was issued a two-year ban by the US Anti-Doping Agency here after testing positive for banned substances.

Hill, 41, tested positive for norandrosterone and noretiocholanolone, anabolic steroids, from a sample taken last May.

Hill became the 26th US athlete this year facing punishment as a result of a USADA drug violation. *AFP*

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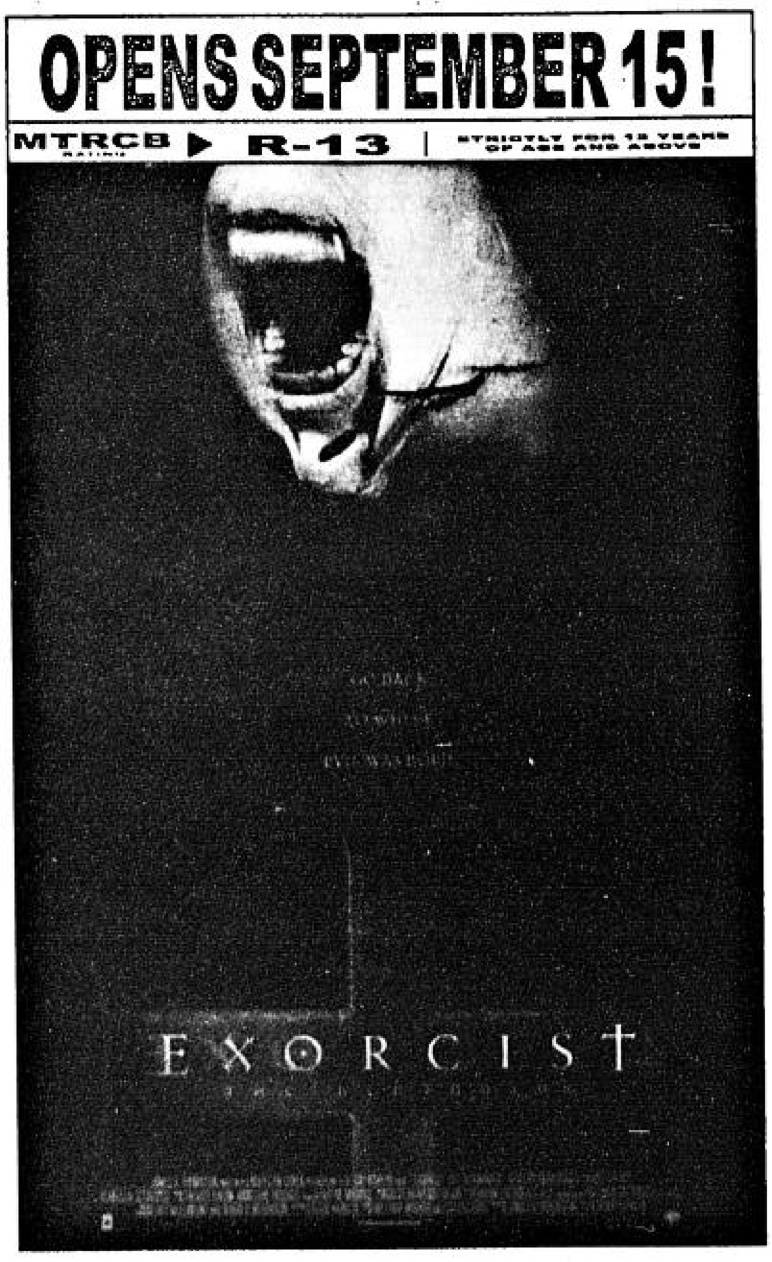

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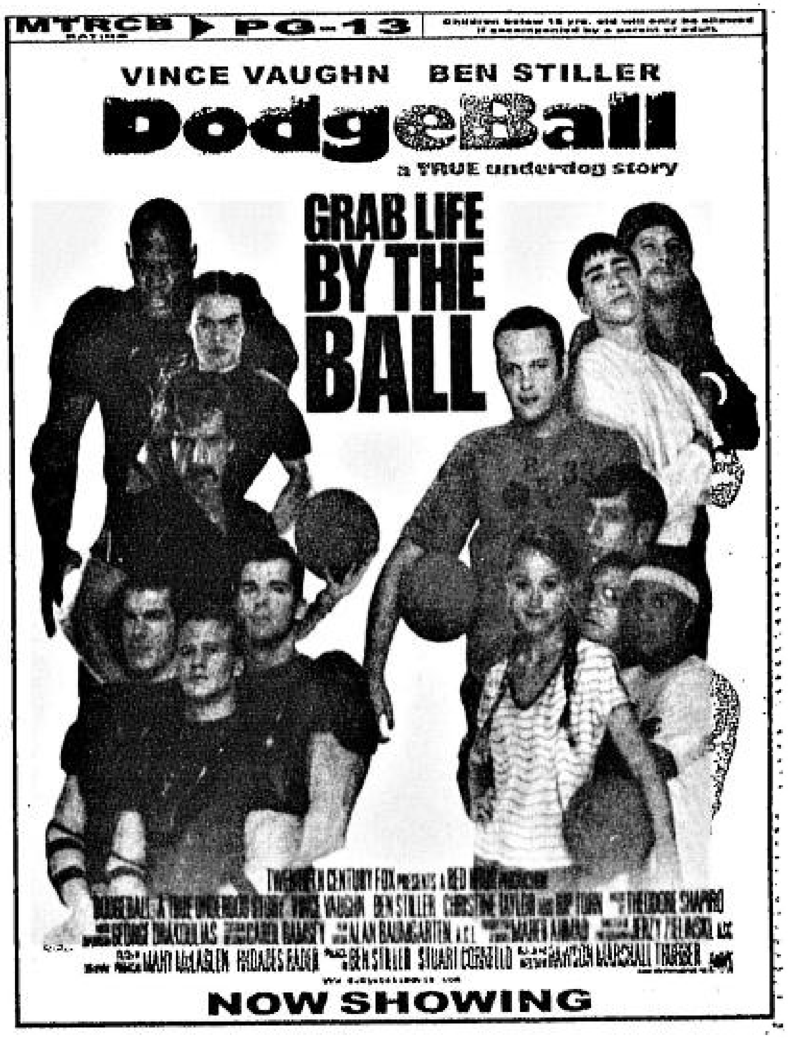
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At his best, Federer's unbeatable

NEW YORK—In heat or wind, before a crowd for or against him, facing Andre Agassi's baseline bashing or Tim Henman's get-to-the-net style: When Roger Federer is on his game, it doesn't seem to matter what he has to deal with.

Now Lleyton Hewitt of Australia will try to disrupt him.

The top-ranked Federer moved within a victory of becoming the first man since 1988 to win three Grand Slam tournaments in a year, beating No. 5 Henman, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4, Saturday in the US Open semifinals.

"I feel very confident out on the court," Federer said. "It's important that every day, I wake up, I'm 100 percent into tennis and ready to go."

In Sunday's final, Federer will play 2001 US Open champion Hewitt, who was nearly flawless himself in eliminating No. 28 Joachim Johansson of Sweden, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3. As Hewitt scrambled along the baseline, getting to everything Johansson offered, his sneakers squeaked with each step, sounding like high-pitched bird chirps.

It was the first time since 1986 that no Americans were in the men's semifinals at the US Open.

Only three players have more than five career wins over Federer, and two are Henman (now 6-3 against the Swiss star) and Hewitt (8-5). Asked what weaknesses of Federer's he'll try to exploit, Hewitt said: "I don't know. There's not a lot of them."

The crowds at the Open love an underdog, and Henman got more positive energy Saturday than he normally does at Wimbledon, where he's hounded by the pressure of a nation looking for a British champion.

The fans tried to will him past Federer, who silenced them by conjuring twice as many winners (31) as unforced errors (15). *AP*

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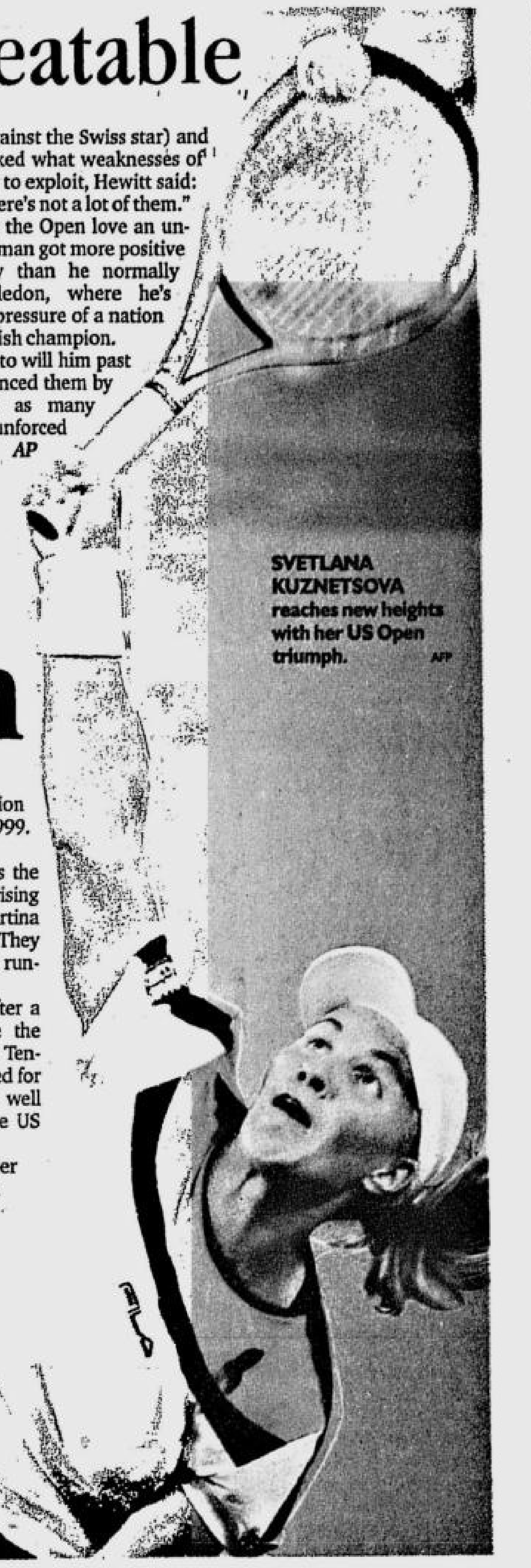
SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA reaches new heights with her US Open triumph. AFP

NEW YORK—By all rights, Svetlana Kuznetsova should have been a cycling star: Her brother and parents all won or coached others to Olympic medals and world titles in that sport. Kuznetsova gave it a shot, hated it, and moved on to tennis.

What a brilliant career move. Still just 19, with braces on her teeth, she's the US Open champion, the third straight Russian woman to win a major.

Pounding ferocious forehands and covering the baseline with the muscular legs of a Tour de France rider, Kuznetsova overwhelmed Elena Dementieva, 6-3, 7-5, Saturday night in the American Grand Slam's first all-Russian final.

"When I played the first game, I was, 'Wow, there are so many people out here.' I was nervous," said Kuznetsova, never past the quarterfinals at a major before. "This morning, I was nervous. I was stiff. But something inside of me was telling me I would be fine."

As of four months ago, no Russian woman had ever won a major, but Anastasia Myskina beat Dementieva in the French Open final, and Maria Sharapova won Wimbledon. Russians occupy half of the top 10 spots in the rankings.

"Russia is just a powerful country," said Kuznetsova, the youngest Open champion since Serena Williams was 17 in 1999. "There's competition between us."

Until now, Kuznetsova probably was the least-known of her country's crop of rising stars, instead most famous for being Martina Navratilova's former doubles partner. They won five titles as a pair and were the runners-up at the 2003 Open.

How anonymous is Kuznetsova? After a practice session 1 1/2 hours before the match, she walked across the National Tennis Center grounds without getting asked for autographs or photos. She might as well have been another fan waiting for the US Open final to start.

Saturday evening began on a somber note, with 20,524 spectators joining in a moment of silence to remember victims of Sept. 11, 2001, and the recent terrorist attack at a school in Russia.

"It's a great day for me as a tennis player," Dementieva said. "It's a day to remember. You lost hundreds of people on Sept. 11, 2001—Sept. 1, 2004, we lost hundreds of children." *AP*

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MEMORIES OF AN UNDERDOG

A jin's rough road to victory

By Ali Atienza

ATIENZA

JAN. 30, 1994. Afternoon. It was hot. Inside the full-packed Ninoy Aquino Stadium, sweat came down my face and body as I rested, having barged into the quarterfinals of the prestigious Asian Taekwondo Championships welterweight division. I had just outpointed an awkward but tough Kuwaiti.

All warmed up, again ready to do battle, I felt the rush of adrenalin pumping through my veins. I had mixed feelings of pride, excitement and anxiety when I heard organizers call me to the center court. I could feel the roar of the delighted hometown crowd.

I was the last Filipino standing in Asia's toughest competition wherein Korea, the world's taekwondo hotbed, was at the helm. To add to my restiveness, I was up against Kim Kyong Hun, an imposing and towering 6-foot-7 Korean, the reigning Asian champion who would later win an Olympic gold. I was barely 21 years old then, 6 feet and a neophyte in the Asian level.

I was hit with a long combination of lower roundhouse kicks, so strong I felt the Korean's overwhelming power penetrate through my armor and to my ribs. I was hurt and intimidated but I overcame fear. I tried to shun pain.

As I furiously chased him all over the court, he fought back fiercely. I was down, 3-2, at the end of the second. But as the final round started, I mustered all my strength and courage and threw an endless flurry of kicks, hitting the surprised Korean who was now on the defensive.

The cheer of the crowd was deafening.

It was the toughest fight of my life, but against all odds, I prevailed against the stunned Kim, 5-3, as the crowd raced to the center court and tossed me with my arms raised in victory as if I had just won the gold.

The win had assured the Philippine team of at least a bronze medal but, nevertheless, it was just sweet as gold because I was the first Filipino ever to beat a Korean in the sport.

My next bout was against a talented but inexperienced Vietnamese. Having beaten a Korean, more so an Asian champion, I felt confident that no one could stop me from reaching the finals. And I did as I breezed through the young jin from Ho Chi Minh City to be assured of at least a silver.

As the crowd and the Philippine team rejoiced, the other side of the bracket would reveal that I was on a collision course with a two-time World Championships silver medalist from Chinese Taipei for the ultimate battle.

A tremendous roundhouse kick by the Taiwanese threw off my headgear out of the court and almost knocked me to the mat. He was damn good, but I came fully prepared and had set my sights only on the gold.

I was down, 3-2, barely a minute before the end of the bout when he delivered an awkward turning sidekick that missed. He set himself off-balanced.

Having gone through four grueling bouts in a single day, I was extremely exhausted, aching all over. My right foot hurt from the furious exchange, but memories of my childhood days, all the hardships and sacrifice I went through training intensely every single day for more than 10 years, kept flashing back.

The loud cheers of our countrymen chanting "Ali! Ali! Ali!" and the waves of our national flag gave me the extra strength and courage for a final burst of energy. I quickly grabbed the opportunity and hit him with five consecutive lower roundhouse kicks to the side.

After the final buzzer, I was declared winner, 4-3, thereby capturing the title, "Asian champion."

I've decided to share this most memorable experience as a national athlete because I have always believed that hard work, sacrifice, courage, confidence, and the will to win are the keys to success no matter what the odds may be.

It was tough. But pride and the sense of nationalism to give honor and prestige for flag and country are the force and spirit in every athlete's road to victory.

(Ali Atienza, the first Filipino to win a gold medal in the Asian Taekwondo Championships, is head of the Manila Sports Council, the sports and recreation arm of the Manila city government. He is the youngest son of Mayor Lito Atienza.)

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Len So, Wesley's mother, praised Torre for the success of her son and of the country's other prodigies. "He's (Torre) done a lot to help the kids," she said. *Marlon Bernardino, Contributor*

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Robin prepares daughter for show biz

PADILLA. A dream chaser at 13

'I'll be her manager, bodyguard, assistant'

By Jocelyn Valle
Contributor

ROBIN Padilla and his wife will help their eldest child, a 13-year-old girl, realize her dream of becoming a movie star like her dad.

"I'll be behind her," Robin said. "I'll be her manager, bodyguard and assistant."

"Now our relationship's getting better," Robin said of his marriage to Liezl Sicangco. "We agree on helping our daughter Queenie to realize her show biz dream.

"Maybe that's how parents are," he added, speaking in Filipino. "They become one when it comes to their children."

A few months ago, Robin was rumored to be having an affair with Judy Ann, his partner on the daily teleserye "Basta't Kasama Kita," which ended last Friday. The rumor prompted his wife, Liezl Sicangco, to call from Australia and air her grief and suspicions on TV shows in Manila. Robin denied the rumor and said he was wooing Liezl again to keep their marriage together.

13-year-old dreamer

According to Robin, their daughter Queenie is bent on following in his footsteps into show biz. He said that when the girl first told her parents of her ambition, Robin was dismayed because he has been spending a lot of money to give Queenie and her siblings a good education in Australia, where Liezl and the children are based.

KEEPING IT together, Robin fights to preserve his family. PDI PHOTO

"But being a father, I can't contradict what she wants to do in life," he said. "I was also 13 when I chased my dream of becoming an actor."

So, when Robin's wife and children come home to Manila in December, during their Australian summer break, Queenie will be able to jumpstart her show biz dream, with the help of her parents.

Robin said Queenie's younger siblings have show biz inclinations, too. "But I told them not to join show business yet," he said. "One at a time. Queenie is the eldest, so she'll do it first."

He said he wants Queenie to be prepared, so she would be taking lessons in performing. He also advises her to read on the lives of revolutionary figures like Che Guevarra, Fidel Castro and even reggae icon Bob Marley because she'll learn a lot from them, he said.

He said he wanted Queenie to be his conduit to inspire the youth. "People her age wouldn't want to listen to an elder like me," he pointed out.

Role model

He said that during his travels, he saw for himself how Filipinos are discriminated against in foreign airports and he realized that show biz stars should not be content in their comfortable stature and lifestyle.

He admitted to admiring Bono, the vocalist of the Irish band U2, who uses his celebrity to get world leaders to listen to his views on global issues. Bono's numerous causes, including fighting poverty in Africa, won for him the Nobel Peace Prize last February.

Robin said, however, that he was all for the security measures that governments around the world have taken to fight terrorism. "I can't blame them," said the actor, a former Jehovah's Witness who converted to Islam while he was in prison for illegal possession of firearms in the early '90s. "Who's responsible for Sept. 11? It was found to be a group of Arabs. I don't want to call them Muslims because that's not what Muslims do.

"You don't know what's going to happen when you board a plane," he added. "That's why I insist on sitting

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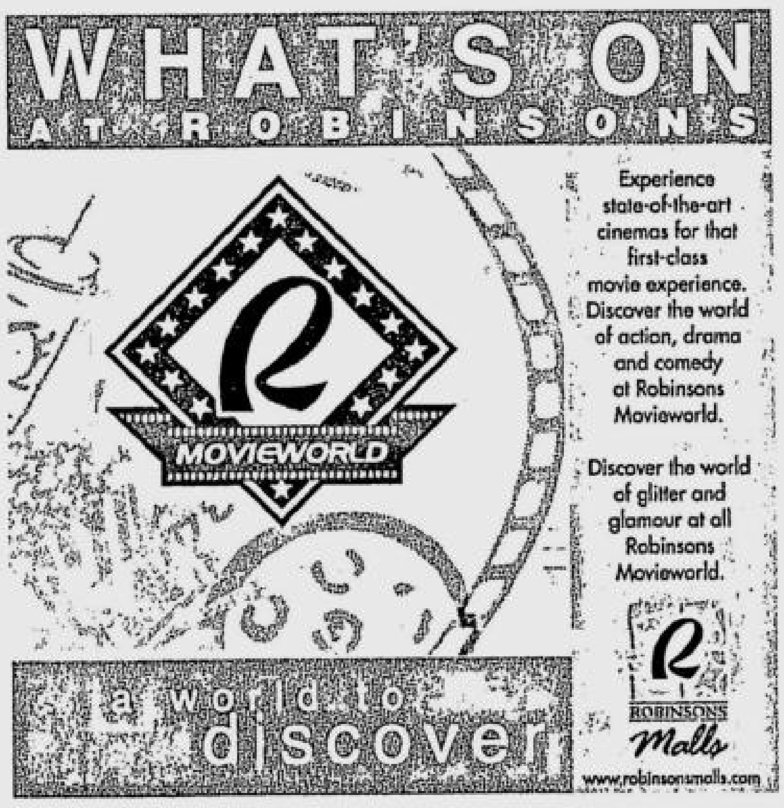

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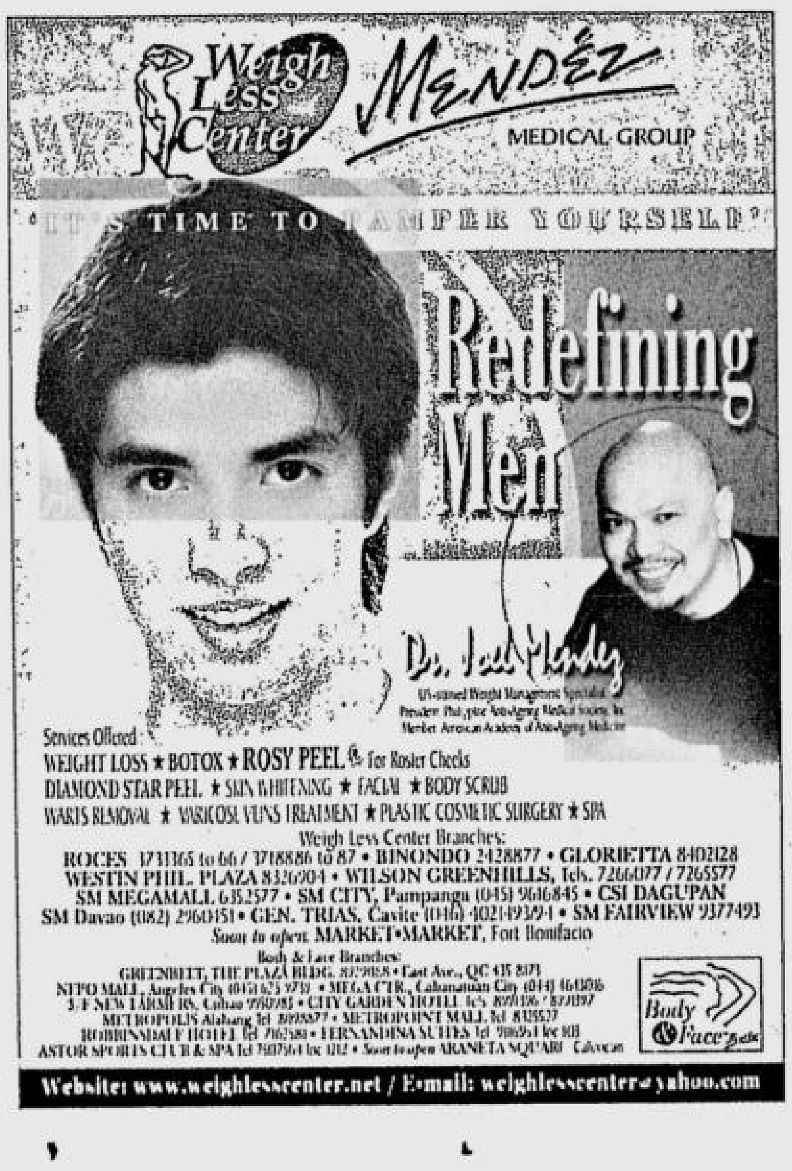

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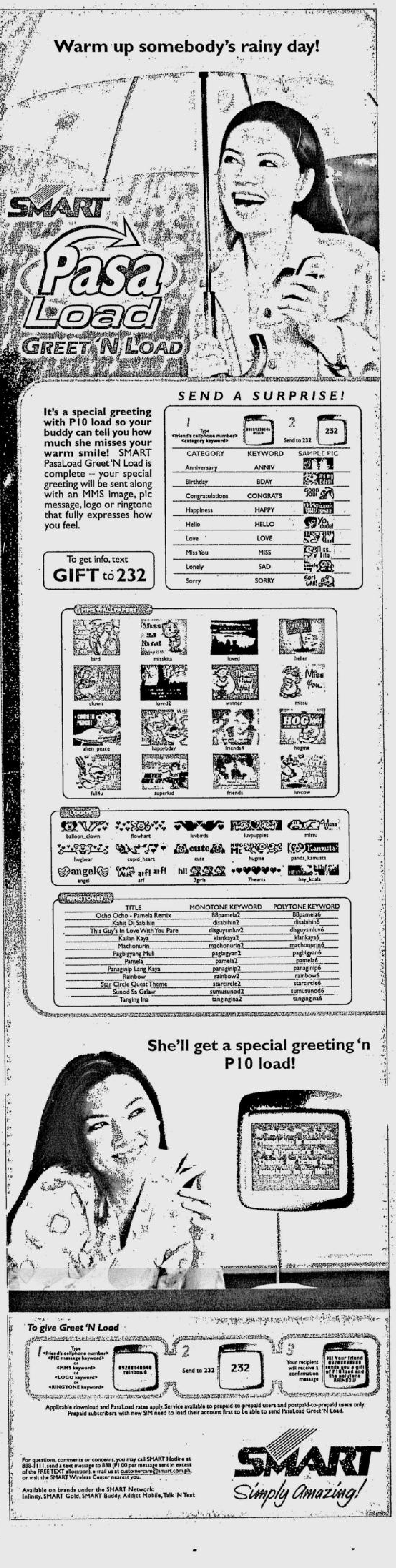

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All Wednesdays of September are "Yabba-dabba-doo" times with a retro feel as the indefatigable Flintstones hold court. This band has people, young and old alike, jumping up and dancing to the music.

Sept. 16 is a special Star Records night as Divo returns with Sheryn Regis. On Sept. 23, the night begins with a special Sergio Mendes-inspired set from Passage, and R & B singer Nina returns. Sept. 30 offers new Star Records artist Michelle Ayalde joining Divo.

Fridays have eye candy as well as talent nights. On Sept. 24, the Akafellas open the night. The group recently garnered the Aliw Award for Best Group Vocal Performance.

New singer Jeni Hernandez performs on Thursdays, proving there's more to her than the hosting and dancing that she does on "MTB (Magandang Tanghali Bayan)." On Sept. 17, it's the ever popular Freestyle, and alternative icon Barbie's Cradle.

On Sept. 18, it's Side A with another Aliw awardee, Karel Marquez, this year's Best New Female Artist. And a week later, Sept. 25, Side A returns, this time with Barbie's Cradle.

Reserve Mondays, Sept. 13 and 27, for easy listening acoustic nights. Adjundie, a trio of a female vocalist and two very adept musicians, rearrange songs from the '80s and '90s to help us chase away those Monday blues. On Sept. 20, a special night of drop-dead gorgeous male and female models is offered by Black Book.

Tuesdays, Sept. 14 and 20, find Route 70 singing songs from yesteryears. Sept. 28 features a special performance by Lance Raymundo, supported by Silver.

Robin prepares daughter…

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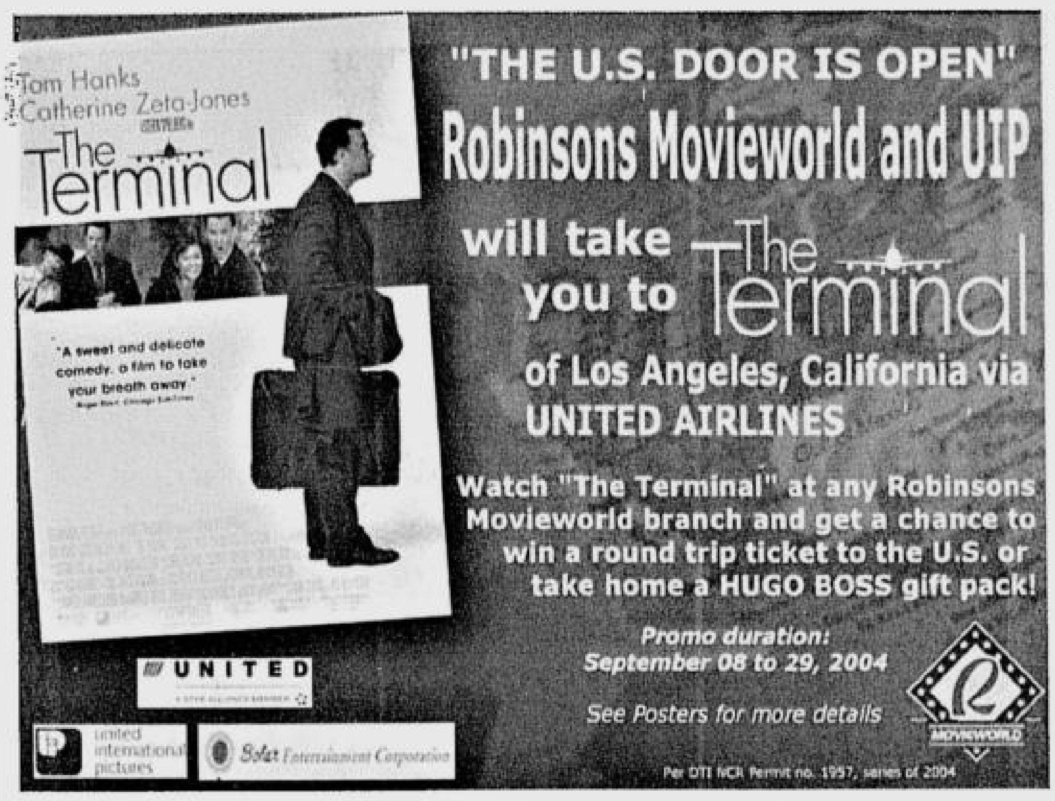
just behind the pilot when I travel. When there's someone out to do a crazy thing, he has to kill me first before he can get to the pilot. And I'm not going down without putting up a fight."

For now, Robin fights to keep his family together.

Robin said that before his wife and children come home to the Philippines on vacation, he will first bring them on a tour of historical places in Italy, Greece and Egypt, courtesy of Smart, which he endorses.

He laughed out loud when asked if he and Liezl would have another honeymoon. "It's my trap for her," he said, still laughing.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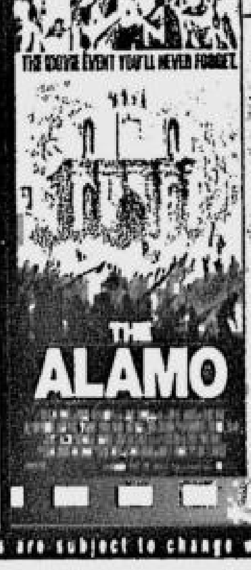
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Conflicting reactions

VIEWFINDER

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THE DECISION not to show R-18 movies with excessive sex and violence on SM malls' cineplex film screens has elicited conflicting reactions. Most concerned viewers approve, while sexy actresses loudly protest their potential loss of job offers.

Some movie people say the ban could lead to the death of the local film industry, while others point out that what it would "kill" would only be the production of tacky porno movies.

For our part, we've stated that exceptions should be made to the "no R-18" rule, for substantial and non-exploitative films for mature audiences.

Lately, we've heard this view being repeated even by the MTRCB head, so we trust that it will gain favor with the SM malls' executives.

This early, the rule has already had an effect on producers of sexy movies. Some of them have been heard to say they now intend to make less cheapie-tacky-quickie-sleazy flicks, with the view in mind of getting only an R-13 classification from the MTRCB. They hope that these better-produced and less graphic movies will pass muster with the SM bosses, and everyone will be the better for it.

All's well that ends well? But wait, there's more:

Since 48 of the 71 movies produced here last year were sex-oriented, and fewer of those films will be made this year (perhaps 20 less?), what other film formats should take their place?

Unknown to most people, a study has been quietly conducted that evaluates the most popular local films produced in the past couple of years, and the major finding is that Filipino viewers now prefer to watch movies about young families.

This confirms the view that, with the times so troubled and confusing, many Filipinos are yearning for clearer insights about life, and to go back to the old, reliable family-oriented values.

Since the country's median population is young, this translated into the desire of viewers to watch movies about young families, hence the perceived popularity of that film format.

In addition, it has been observed that the TV telenovelas featuring Asian stars have become even more popular than their Spanish and Latin-American predecessors used to be, so this could also translate into popularity on the big screen, if like-minded movie projects are conceptualized, filmed and shown.

What do all these observations mean? Sexy flicks are out, and youthful family dramas and Asia-oriented movies could take their place.

So, scriptwriters and directors, get to work!

Trouble is, it'll be difficult for heretofore sex-fixated film workers to suddenly and convincingly turn "GP" and "PG" overnight.

So, they'll have their work cut out for them to believably "reform and transform" themselves to keep up with the rapidly changing film times.

Feedback

FROM **Ma. Lourdes Quintin** of Makati City: "I have always enjoyed your insights and comments. I feel you are the only columnist who bothers to criticize TV shows but does not forget to commend those that are worth watching.

"Were you able to watch 'Born Diva' on Channel 2? The initial telecast was disappointing. I can't believe the judges voted against the more talented singer. In that talent search, surgical improvements mattered over talent per se. But, the singing contest proper proved **Gracel Salcedo** was more deserving to win.

"By the way, what's **Rene Salud** doing in a talent search program? And why is **Angeli Pangilinan** allowing the show to propagate surgical enhancement over God-given talent?"

CCP outreach silver year

2004 is the 25th year of the CCP's Outreach & Exchange Program, and the celebration includes the national tour of "Magno Rubio," a play on Filipino migrants in the United States. The show is being toured until Oct. 5 at FEU-Manila, Baguio, Cebu, Roxas, Sigma and Bukidnon.

"Saliwan," a regional artists and cultural workers forum will be held in Koronadal City (Sept. 29), Cagayan de Oro City (Oct. 9), Iloilo City (Nov. 27) and Bulacan (Dec. 11).

The main highlight of the "Pilak" anniversary celebration is a grand production, "Pinilakang Sining ng Bagong Henerasyon," featuring prominent local artists and groups.

Performances are slated at Koronadal (Oct. 1), Cagayan de Oro (Oct. 8-9), Iloilo (Nov. 26) and Malolos, Bulacan (Dec. 10). Call 833-0267, or e-mail outreach@culturalcenter.gov.ph.

'Easy English' seminar

CORBAN Daycare and Tutorial Center will hold an Easy English seminar starting from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sept. 18 and 25. The seminar will be held for 10 consecutive Saturdays, totaling 30 hours. It will focus on English conversation, grammar, vocabulary building and pronunciation. Call 842-6665 and 0917-6297718.

SUGARFREE. "Dramachine"

Sugarfree album party

SUGARFREE'S highly anticipated second album, "Dramachine," the follow-up to the commercial and critical hit, "Sa Wakas," is now available.

The new CD contains 12 new tunes, all in Filipino.

The album will be launched tonight, Sept. 13, starting at 8 p.m., at Off the Grill along Timog Avenue in Quezon City. The launch party is for free and will be opened by rock stalwarts The Dawn and Sandwich. It is presented by EMI Philippines Inc., PolyEast Records and Levi's Strauss.

The album title, "Dramachine," is the brainchild of album co-producer Raymund Marasigan and Cambio's Diego Mapa.

From the sad "Kuwarto," to the self-flagellating "Haring Sablay," to remembering prom nights in "Prom" and those nights of conversations as told in "Kuwentuhan," Sugarfree takes on subjects common to everyone in "Dramachine."

The album also has "Tao," "Martir," and the first single, "Sinta."

"Sinta" is currently at the top of NU 107's Top 12 countdown. A love song of sorts, "Sinta" was written by Ebe when he had no girlfriend. He also contributed 10 more songs to the 13-track album. Two songs are by Jal Taguibao.

The album launch will coincide with the band's fifth anniversary.

Sugarfree has Ebe Dancel on vocals and guitars, Jal Taguibao on bass, and Mitch Singson on drums. The band burst into the mainstream in 2002 with "Mariposa," "Telepono," "Hintay" and Burnout." Their debut album, "Sa Wakas," sold out in 11 minutes during its launch at the Freedom Bar.

The band won the Best New Artist and the Album of the Year awards in NU 107's Rock Awards in 2003.

What viewers love to watch, and weep over

By Amy Mosura
Contributor

SHOW TIME

IF YOU'RE you're going to judge the AGB TV ratings from January to August 2004, what makes Filipinos happy is also what makes them cry.

In the first week of July, most of the country's TV-watching population rushed home to catch the stunning finale of ABS-CBN's teleserye "Sana'y Wala Nang Wakas." The much-anticipated finale had the answer to the question fans had been asking since February: Which of the main characters Ara (Kristine Hermosa), Christian (Jericho Rosales), Leo (Diether Ocampo) and Mary Anne (Angelika dela Cruz) would end up together? Millions voted for a wedding for Ara and Christian.

When the final episode aired on July 9, "Sana'y Wala Nang Wakas" finished with a huge 48.3 percent in the Mega Manila area. An audience share of 65.2 percent meant more than half of the homes watching TV that evening were watching "SWNW."

Even the alternate ending, which showed Ara and Leo getting married, was a smash when it was shown the next evening, chalking up a 34.6 percent rating. Overall, it earned a 37.8 percent average rating in the first half of the year.

The expensive epic story of the mermaid Marina opened in February, the very first *fantaserye*. The average rating of "Marina" was 41.4 percent in the first eight months of 2004, making it the country's most consistently high-rating prime time soap.

With a cast consisting of Kris Aquino, Dina Bonnevie, John Estrada and Heart Evangelista, it's no surprise that "Hiram" is no slouch in the ratings department, earning a 36.7 percent rating in only its first month and a half of broadcast.

Putting two superstars together is the winning formula behind the country's only action-drama *teleserye*, "Basta't Kasama Kita," which opened in May 2003 with Robin Padilla and Judy Ann Santos. From January to August, "Basta't Kasama Kita" averaged a 36.5 percent rating, and it's only getting stronger.

The country's favorite new love team, John Lloyd Cruz and Bea Alonzo, continue their winning streak with their second consecutive hit *teleserye*, "It Might Be You," following their debut in "Kay Tagal Kang Hinintay." Their love story continues to lure viewers of all ages, with the soap earning an average rating of 34.5 percent in the first eight months of 2004.

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'SENTI' STUFF. She keeps a Bulgari watch and a Thai urn because of their sentimental value.

ALL FOR SHOWS. Beaded and sequined tops she wears in her shows.

IN THE SWIM of things, the homebody swims and turns her bathroom into a spa.

ROSELLE, a little more daring

By Marinel R. Cruz
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

SINGER Roselle Nava, like a rare few others in show business, has a college degree.

Roselle is a marketing graduate of De La Salle University on Taft Avenue. She first joined show business when she was 16, as one of the teeners on ABS-CBN's daily youth show "Ang TV." Shortly after, Roselle signed a record deal with Ivory Records. She then transferred to Star Records, an affiliate of ABS-CBN.

"Now, I'm with Viva Records," she says. "I'm on my sixth album." She released her latest album last March and is busy promoting its carrier single, "Makakaya Ko Ba?"

While Roselle admits that she once thought of quitting school because of her heavy load in show business, she says she was glad her dad Ramon Nava did not let her.

"There was a time when I became so super busy with work and school that I'd cry," she says during this interview in the Nava house in San Pedro, Laguna. "I only went to school every Tuesday and Thursday, but I was there for almost 12 hours, taking up six subjects. It was really tough because I had a break of only an hour and a half. Fortunately, my parents and friends were very supportive."

Roselle now says proper time management is the key to balancing work and school. "I'd bring my books to my tapings. I'd read them backstage, especially if I had exams the next day. It was a lot of hard work, but it was all worth it."

She says she enjoyed her Marketing classes because of her show biz work. "I see myself as the product that I should market. I always think of ways to reinvent myself, to make myself more interesting. Before, I had a teenybopper image. Now my songs are more mature. Even my clothes now are a little more daring and sexy."

She is promoting her new single in mall shows and provincial tours. She's also scheduled to do a show in Korea with Ogie Alcasid this month, and "hopefully, another show in the States before the year ends."

FIT AND DRY. Roselle goes to the gym in her dri-fit Nike tops and rubber shoes

When Roselle is not busy in show biz, she loves to stay home. "I'm a homebody," she says. "I wake up between 7 and 9 a.m. to go to the gym. On normal days, I watch TV, read a book or swim in our pool. Sometimes, I go to the market and ask the helps to cook with me."

Roselle's room on the second floor of the three-story house has its own bathroom and walk-in closet. Big glass-paneled sliding doors lead to a private gym and a balcony that overlooks the swimming pool.

"I spend a lot of time in my bathroom," she says. "This is my private spa. I light candles, have a bubble and whirlpool bath. I read my favorite books and magazines there."

OUT OF THE CLOSET

Cosmetics. "I use Obagi for my face and Ivory soap or Johnson's milk bath for my body. I also like Canus Goat's Milk skin care products. There's this new scent from Gap that I really like. It's called Heaven. I have it in lotion, shower gel and cologne."

Books. "Right now, I like the 'Shopaholic' series by Sophie Kinsella. I can relate to her. I love to shop. I find it really funny how she justifies her buying stuff that she doesn't need."

Tops. "This yellow shirt was given to me by a family friend from Japan. I'm not really into animal prints, but this is an exemption. I like the color, girly *kasi*. The fabric looks nice, too. You can pair it with jeans and high-heeled sandals and it's ready for a night out with friends.

"This is from Mango. It's super sexy. I bought this because I liked the color combination, black and white.

"I got this one from Bebe during one of my trips to the States. It can be worn in different ways. It looks good as a tube top and as a halter top.

"On normal days, I like wearing either plain white or black shirts. But for shows, I buy lots of tank tops when I travel. Most of them are fully-beaded and sequined. It's hard to buy clothes for shows here, *marami kasing kapareho*."

Jackets. "My current favorite is a denim jacket from Mango in Japan. I like it because it's stretchable. It makes you look sexy even when you wear it with a jacket.

"Another favorite is from Morgan. My aunt gave this to me. It's very warm and is best worn abroad."

Pants. "Freego provides most of my jeans. I also wear a lot of Levi's. But this one from Diesel is special, from my best friend's mom. I first wore it during the pictorial for my first concert in 2000. I got depressed when a pen I had placed in one of the back pockets leaked and stained it. I frayed it with a razor so I could still use it. I'm kind of sentimental. It's hard for me to give away stuff that I consider special to me."

Dresses. "My current favorite is from the States. I felt I hit the jackpot because I got this BCBG dress for only $100. If you go to Rustan's you'll find that dresses like this are worth P20,000 up. The color makes you look thin. It's backless. It's sexy, but the fabric clings to your skin so it's not too revealing."

SWEET to sexy. Roselle in the BCBG halter dress that "clings to the skin"

Gym outfits. "Before, you would hardly see me wearing sporty outfits. I've been going to the gym a lot for more than a year and a half now. I want my rubber shoes to match my top, socks and bag. I like Nike items.

"I prefer wearing dri-fit shirts when I work out. You don't feel too sticky when you perspire."

Shoes. "I find it difficult to buy shoes that fit me well. I'm semi-flatfooted *kasi*. The most comfortable shows I have are my Nike Spiridon running shoes. I think this is the lightest pair of running shoes from Nike. You can't find this here. Nike sells them for men only. I also like rubber shoes from Skechers, which I endorse.

"I like high heels because I'm short. My favorite are my black Nine West strapped-sandals. I liked the design so much that I bought another pair in brown."

Favorite bag. "I like Coach bags, but this one from Ferragamo is special because it's the first expensive bag I bought."

Sleepwear. "I'm a pajama girl. Before, when I traveled, I made sure my jammies matched my upper garment. Now I pair my jammies with *sandos* or baby tees. I also have boxers. Too bad I can't show you my Scooby Doo shorts right now because I can't find them."

Swimwear. "I don't like swimsuits that are too high. I have two-piece suits but I'm not too comfortable wearing them. I like Speedo, Roxy Girl and Billabong."

Perfumes. "Romance from Ralph Lauren is my all-time favorite. But now, I'm using Light Blue from D&G because it milder and more suitable for everyday use."

ALL-TIME FAVORITES. Her favorite Nine West pair, favorite Diesel jeans and favorite Bebe top

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7-mo. investments surge 493% to ₱145B

By Ronnel W. Domingo

TOTAL investments approved in the first seven months surged by 493 percent due in part to increased ventures in the manufacturing sector, the Department of Trade and Industry reported.

DTI documents showed that the Board of Investments and Philippine Economic Zone Authority approved from January to July projects valued at P145 billion.

During the period, the BOI gave the go-ahead to projects worth P116.5 billion, or an improvement of 858.4 percent from P12.12 billion in the year-ago period.

At the same time, Peza approved a total of P28.4 billion worth of projects, an increase of 131 percent from P12.3 billion.

For the month of July, total investment commitments slid one percent to P4 billion from P4.04 billion in the same month last year.

The BOI approved P2.8 billion in investments, a decrease of 6.7 percent from P3 billion in the same month last year.

However, Peza approved P1.2 billion in July, up 16 percent from the year-ago figure of P1.02 billion.

Trade Secretary Cesar V. Purisima said in a statement the 26 projects approved in July were expected to create 2,566 additional jobs once these were operating fully.

The biggest investment was Logical Design Inc.'s P2.8-billion communications and coordinating center, First Sumiden Circuits Inc.'s P272.8-million flexible printed circuit manufacturing plant, and Air Liquide Pipeline Utilities Services Inc.'s P182.9-million air separation facility.

Purisima said foreign investors pledged P3.8 billion in July, double the P1.9 billion registered in the same month in 2003.

Total foreign investments in the first seven months shot up by 767 percent to P127.1 billion from P14.7 billion in the same period last year.

Trade Undersecretary Elmer C. Hernandez said that while investments in the energy sector continued to account for bulk of committed projects, projects in the manufacturing sector have increased and diversified.

"Companies in the electronics, metals and pharmaceutical businesses are making the country a platform of their manufacturing activities," Hernandez said. "They are taking advantage of the incentives given by the government."

He said manufacturing firms accounted for three out of five jobs created in the fist seven months, which reached 40,000.

Hernandez, who is also BOI managing head, said the agency aimed at bringing in more manufacturing firms because these created more jobs and valuable technology that the country needed to industrialize.

RP seeks deal with US on remittances

By Michelle V. Remo

THE PHILIPPINES is forging a bilateral agreement with the United States to relax banking requirements for overseas Filipino workers.

The proposal is aimed at encouraging OFWs to send money to their families in the Philippines through the banking system, and not through underground channels, to beef up the country's dollar reserves.

The government believes that many OFWs still prefer sending money outside of the traditional banking channels.

Finance Secretary Juanita Amatong said that talks between the Philippine and the US governments were ongoing on the easing of the US banking rules on Filipinos working in the United States. She said what the Philippine government was specifically asking for were the reduction in the banking fees and charges for OFWs, and to allow them to make banking transactions even without

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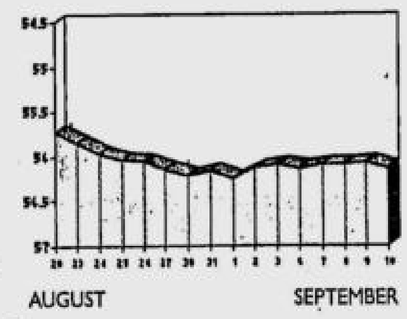

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Hong Kong	Dollar	0.105127	0.128223	7.1881
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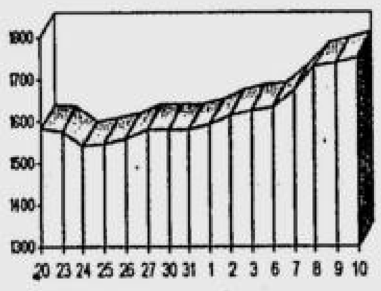
STOCK MARKET

Profit-taking seen



(See stock market report on Page B2)

THE STOCK market may surrender some of its gains this week as traders and analysts said many issues could be ripe for profit-taking.

"Although we are worried about a sharp correction, it seems unlikely that a major correction would happen considering the strong volume that has accompanied the market's rally. Volume has been driven primarily by foreign institutions, who are most likely buying long and not trading," said Jovis Vistan of AB Capital Securities Inc. said.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index broke four-year record highs as it spiked 124 points or 7.6 percent to 1,751.60 last week.

Traders were mixed as they said the market's bull run was brought by expectations of better third-quarter corporate earnings and the government's serious efforts to plug the budget deficit.

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BSP tightens rules on credit card issuers

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE MONETARY Board of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas has tightened its rules on credit card collection following snowballing complaints about the "unfair" practices of some banks.

BSP Deputy Governor Alberto Reyes told reporters the new rules were meant to "avoid criticisms on collections."

Among the complaints swamping the BSP were those on the foreign exchange conversion rates for credit card purchases made abroad as well as harassment and intimidation employed by banks against past-due account holders.

In some cases, banks outsource the collection of past-due accounts to companies whose people use harsh tactics, which sometimes end up disgracing the account holders.

Reyes said the new rules now required prior disclosure of the foreign exchange conversion rate for credit card transactions.

Also, he said the rules would define what constituted "unfair collection practices."

The BSP has likewise included quasi-banks and bank affiliates with credit card operations in the coverage of the rules on collection.

Previously, the BSP slapped tighter guidelines for the collection of delinquency charges and parameters for suspension, termination and reactivation of

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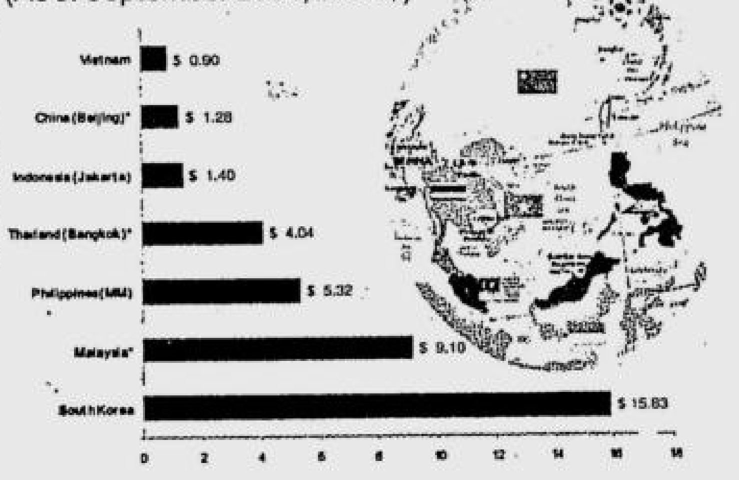

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Source: Department of Labor and Employment

WORKERS in Metro Manila enjoy a higher daily minimum wage than their counterparts in Vietnam, Beijing, Jakarta and Bangkok. But the current pay is still deemed insufficient by labor groups and the two legislators who sought a P125 ($2.20) across-the-board wage hike.

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RP joins China-Asean early harvest program

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE COUNTRY is finally joining China's early harvest program for Southeast Asian nations after the government agreed to include 208 agricultural products for tariff cuts, according to Trade and Industry Secretary Cesar V. Purisima.

China initiated the EHP in 2003 in preparation to an Asean-China Free Trade Area by 2010. It gives Asean products an advance low tariff entry to the Chinese market on condition that the Asean markets will also be opened to Chinese products.

Implemented since the start of this year, China and the EHP participants have cut tariffs on covered products to a range of 2 to 15 percent. The rates will be reduced further to a range of 0 to 5 percent in 2007 and will be completely removed by 2010.

The Philippine government had refused to participate in the program when it was first offered by China in 2003, as it wanted to include only 177 of the 208 agricultural products proposed for the tariff reduction plan. It, however, agreed to the proposed list later.

The move called for a reduction of the country's exclusion list to 10 percent of the total tariff lines, from the original list submitted containing 577 tariff lines or 11 percent of the total.

Trade officials said the Chinese government wanted the Philippines to open 60 percent of the country's total product lines to China which, they said, posed no problem since existing trade with China already covered 61 percent of the tariff lines.

Officials said details of the RP-China deal would be finalized soon and that it would be implemented starting Jan. 1 next year.

As part of the agreement, the Philippines agreed to recognize China as a market economy.

How to raise SSS contributions

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

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CORAZON de la Paz, SSS president and CEO, spearheads a media blitz to push for an increase in members' contributions. She is not doing a good job of it.

Her selling point is that benefits have outstripped contributions. This is because benefits were raised several times without any corresponding increases in contributions. As a result, she says, the total pension a retiree gets is much more than what he paid in. Besides, she says, too many retirees are living too long. She probably prefers that retirees die sooner and faster.

Clearly, De la Paz does not understand the underlying mathematics of social security. As an accountant, she looks at pensions and contributions as debit and credit. She should ask an actuary to explain to her the inner workings of compound interest and the mortality table.

De la Paz equates contributions to benefits. Her equation is incomplete. The complete equation is: contributions plus investment income equal benefits plus operating expenses.

The quality of the investment income should be looked into. How much of this amount is interest receivable on loans to bankrupt Home Mortgage and Finance Corp.and other borrowers, private and public? How much is the interest receivable from individual members that the SSS can no longer trace?

Investment income is actually larger than what is shown in the 2003 annual report. This is because investment income is shown as net of investment expense. Investment expense should be on the right side of the equation as part of operating expenses. But, if de la Paz adds investment expenses to operating expenses, she runs afoul of another rule that limits operating expenses to 3 percent of investment income. This is the now-you-see-now-you-don't style of accounting.

And yet, even though investment expenses are on the left side of the equation as a deduction from investment income, operating expenses still exceed the legal limit of 12 percent of contributions plus 3 percent of investment income. Therefore, an increase in contributions will cover up this illegal excess since 12 percent of the increase will be available as operating expenses. An illegal act will be legalized.

The quality of the investment portfolio should be looked into. There are a lot of deadwood investments. The P40-billion mass housing portfolio is hopelessly in arrears. So is the P30 billion in small salary, tuition and calamity loans.

Total assets declined in 2001 and 2002. By changing the accounting system, this decline was reversed. Thus, in 2003, total assets went up. Being the sharp accountant that she is, De la Paz solves financial problems by juggling the books. And she finds the legal basis for it.

De la Paz manages two funds, the SSS fund and the employees compensation (ECC) fund. Before, the annual report presented separate results for each fund. But the SSS fund has been losing money. On the other hand, the ECC makes enough to cover the SSS loss. So, de la Paz, in the 2003 report, consolidated the results of the two funds. The SSS loss vanished. Another case of now-you-see-it-now-you-don't style of accounting.

The SSS has been outrageously profligate in its operating expenses. At the time when assets were dwindling, operating expenses were hitting the ceiling. For example, ever since the SSS was liberated from the government salary standardization program under the 1997 law, salaries, allowance and fringe benefits have soared to an annual average of around P750,000 per employee.

About one-third of the employee force are on a contractual basis. The labor contractor holds office right on the top floor of the SSS main office in Quezon City. The sweetheart contract was never put out for public bidding. Retired SSS executives, in their golden parachutes, run the company.

Nonetheless, De la Paz is right. Benefits have outstripped contributions. In the 2003 annual report benefits were P42.8 billion while contributions were only P39.4 billion. Investment income of P13.7 billion covered the P3.4 billion shortfall.

But the financial bind the SSS finds itself in is not only because benefits have outstripped contributions. Criminal and profligate mismanagement play significantly in the sorry financial state of the SSS. So the question boils down to this: Should the members be made to pay for the years of mismanagement?

The official stand of the Philippine Association of Retired Persons (PARP) on the proposed increase in contributions is this: contributions can only be raised subject to the following conditions (a) in accordance with law, benefits must be correspondingly raised, (b) any investible portion of the increase should be invested in government securities only, (c) none of the new contributions shall be used for operating expenses. Above all, the new contributions should never be used to make up for any losses; such losses, by law, are the liabilities of the national government, especially since the culprits have not been prosecuted.

PARP also strongly recommends that President Arroyo should constitute as soon as possible a fact-finding committee to determine exactly what is happening at the SSS and to recommend solutions. This committee should be composed entirely of professionals in management, investment, insurance, and actuarial science, all from the private sector. No politicians or political appointees need apply, please.

RP seeks deal

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a US social security number.

"We need to encourage OFWs to make it a habit to remit through the banking system so that they can help boost our GIR (gross international reserves)," Amatong said. Beefing up the country's dollar reserves was necessary to improve the foreign exchange rate, she added.

She said the Philippines was hoping to get a bilateral agreement with the United States similar to what the latter has forged with Mexico. Amatong said Mexicans remitting through US banks were granted several privileges, like being exempted from the requirement of having a social security number. They only have to present a community tax certificate to be able to remit through the US banks.

Amatong said the Philippines would soon try to establish similar agreements with other countries where many Filipinos are working. The finance chief added that the Philippines was targeting to forge a bilateral agreement with Japan after discussions with the United States have been concluded.

Aside from the United States, other major sources of OFW remittances are Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong and Japan.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas expects OFW remittances for this year to grow by 6 percent to $8.2 billion.

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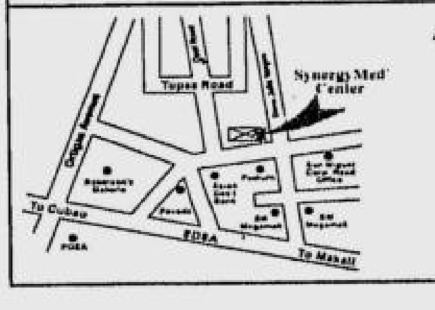

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Power rate hike viewed positively, say analysts

THE ENERGY Regulatory Commission's recent decision granting National Power Corp. a provisional authority (PA) to adjust its rates by an average of 98 centavos has a strong positive effect on the stock market, analysts said.

The 30-company Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) Index (PHISIX) last Thursday surged to 1,739.92, its highest close in almost 40 months when it finished at 1,744.57 sometime in April 2000.

"It is no accident that the recent strength of the Philippine stock market follows closely in the heels of the decision of the ERC to allow Napocor to raise its rates," said Jon Pratt, head of Debt Capital Markets for Asia Pacific of Credit Suisse First Boston.

Pratt also said the ERC decision had a strong positive influence on the recent $1-billion bond issue by the Philippine government.

Switzerland-based UBS Investment Research, for its part, confirmed that the market had reacted favorably to the Napocor rate adjustment, noting that the ERC decision was "a step in the right direction."

UBS analysts said PHISIX has risen 6.1 per-

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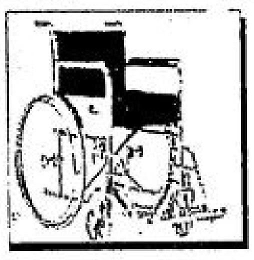

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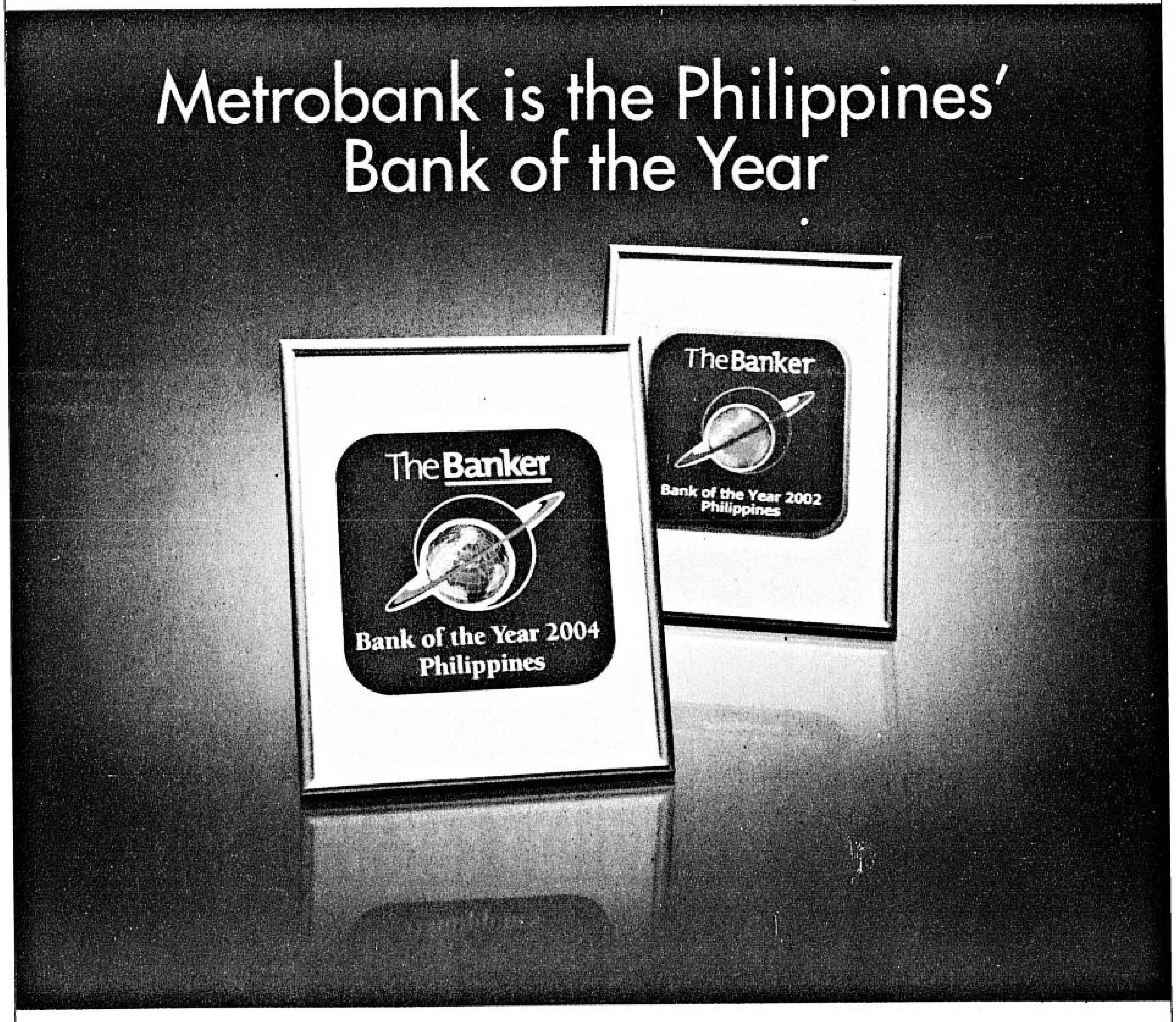

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DOF upset over House rejection of taxpayers' SALs

By Michelle V. Remo

DEPARTMENT of Finance officials are upset over the decision of the House of Representatives to remove in the tax amnesty bill the provision requiring all taxpayers to annually declare their assets.

DOF officials said the purpose of the tax amnesty would be defeated if taxpayers would not be required to submit their statements of assets and liabilities (SALs) every year.

The end-goal of the tax amnesty is to create a database of all taxpayers to monitor the accuracy of their tax payments and, with the help of the data, solve the government's problem on huge tax leakages over time, the DOF said.

"The intention of the tax amnesty is really to help plug tax leakages through a taxpayers' database," Finance Secretary Juanita Amatong told reporters. "Without it, what will be the amnesty for?"

Under the DOF's version of the tax amnesty, delinquent taxpayers who have liabilities from 2003 and the years before will only be required to pay an amount equivalent to 3 percent of their net worth as of December 2003 to settle their tax obligation. They will also be immune from penalties and charges.

In exchange, all taxpayers will be required to submit to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) their SALs every year. With the taxpayer's annual SAL, the BIR can determine the accuracy of his or her tax remittances. Through better monitoring, the government hopes to plug tax leakages, which is estimated at about P200 billion every year—enough to wipe out the government's budget deficit which last year stood at P199.9 billion.

There were several other versions of the bill filed with the House of Representatives, but the ways and means committee decided to remove the provision requiring the annual submission of SAL when it came out with a consolidated version last week.

Amatong said the DOF would continue to push for the adoption of the SAL proposal during the coming hearings. Congressional hearings on the tax amnesty is expected to be finalized this week.

According to government sources, some legislators believe that requiring taxpayers to annually submit their SALs may be unconstitutional. The congressmen said the SAL proposal should be embodied in a separate bill and not combined with the tax amnesty because the appropriateness of making one's assets and liabilities a matter of public record should first be debated.

The committee on ways and means said legislators would just file a separate bill on the annual submission of SALs.

The BIR on the other hand said it would be all right to have a separate bill on the regular submission of SAL, as long as Congress would make sure that the said bill would also be passed at around the same time as the tax amnesty.

Bingo Bonanza income hit ₱33.7M in first half

LEISURE & Resorts World Corp. (LRWC) and its wholly owned subsidiary, AB Leisure Exponent Inc (ABLE), doing business as Bingo Bonanza Corp. (Bingo Bonanza), posted P33.7 million in net income from January to June 2004.

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Maybank Group President and Chief Executive Officer Datuk Amirsham A. Aziz said the good results were due to higher fee-based income, growth in net interest income, better asset quality and the improved performance of the group's operations in other ASEAN countries, including Maybank Philippines.

Loans growth expanded 5.1% during the year due to a strong 15% growth in both consumer loans and small-and medium-scale enterprise (SME) financing. Amirsham said he expected loans growth to expand between 6% and 8% in the next 12 months.

The Group's performance for the year translated into a gross return on equity [ROE] of 23.9%, compared with 21.8% previously. Moreover, improvements in asset quality saw loan loss provisions charged for the year decline by a substantial 45.6% this year, against the previous financial year.

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The Malaysian business newspaper *StarBiz*, in its September 2, 2004 issue, ran an article on Maybank, citing investment research house JP Morgan, which maintained an overweight rating on Maybank, as having raised its 12-month price target for the bank to RM13.50 [PHP195.75] from RM12.68 [PHP182.99]. JP Morgan also raised Maybank's projected earnings for fiscal years 2005 and 2006 by 7% and 9%, respectively. On another note in the same article, AmResearch noted the increase in Maybank's interest income for the past three years and likewise forecasted its loans growth of about 5% for fiscal year 2005.

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Mr. Jos Ortega
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Session 1
Introduction to Market Convergence
(Principles and Components of Market Convergence)
Ms. Karen V. De Asis
Faculty and Marketing Director
DLSU Graduate School of Business

10:15- 10:30 Session 2
Market Convergence: Market Technology-Driven?
(Roots or Origins of Convergent Markets)
Mr. Ferdinand De La Cruz
Head, Wireless Business Group, GLOBE Telecom

11:30- 12:00 nn Synthesis/Open Forum
Dr. Leonardo R. Garcia, Jr.
Dean, Professional Continuing Education
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Sec. Luis P. Lorenzo, Jr.
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3:00- 4:15 Session 4
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Ms. Luz T. Suplico
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A slippery Union

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

UNION Cement Corp. was a punters' favorite last week, on the speculation that the largest cement company would receive cash windfall, just like affiliate Trans Asia, from the Holcim takeover.

More important, another speculation was that the Swiss cement giant would, under the tender-offer rule, be required to offer the UCC minority shareholders the same price that it paid the Phinma/Bacnotan Group to acquire undisputed majority control of the country's largest cement company.

Alas, no such tender-offer windfall is apparently forthcoming.

According to Phinma CEO Ramon del Rosario Jr., the Holcim buyout of the Phinma/Bacnotan Group stake in Union Cement had received approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Swiss multinational simply skirted the tender-offer rule by acquiring the holding company that controls UCC, not the UCC shares. With the buyout, Holcim now effectively controls about 77.5 percent of UCC.

Del Rosario, a former finance secretary, would not disclose the effective per share price paid by the Swiss; the market buzz put it at P4/share, while another account put it at P5/share.

That apparently is why the erstwhile sleeper stock, amid uncharacteristic brisk and seesawing trading, closed last week at P2.46, after briefly touching P2.95, from P1.92 the previous Friday.

Buendia property play

IT LOOKS like Buendia, instead of The Fort, promises a better property play for the Ayalas and the assorted owners of decrepit low-rise buildings lining up the avenue.

According to Ayala Land, the whole block bounded by Buendia, Ayala, Jupiter/Metropolitan, and Edsa had been reclassified by the Makati City Hall as early as 2000 and had been included in the so-called Central Business District.

And that is why the Ayalas are now building the Columns high-rise condominiums and a low-rise call center on what had for decades been empty lots at the Buendia-Ayala intersection.

With the reclassification, the Ayala-imposed height restrictions had effectively been relaxed and, as Ayala Land now submits, "high-density office and residential developments" may now be built within the enlarged zone.

As to the claim that a group of Buendia property owners bought their lands near the intersection in the '60s on the belief that they had park frontage, "Ayala has never made any representation in the deeds of sale... that the intersection were parks or were to remain as parks," said an Ayala Land statement.

According to the grapevine, the Buendia property owners had already contacted Marcos presidential legal counsel Manuel Lazaro for a contemplated class suit against the Ayalas.

Among the big name property owners along the Buendia strip include the Yuchengcos, the Zuelligs, the Concepcions and the Sys, the latter owning the used-car lots through seriously born-again Henry "Big Boy" Sy Jr.

Puerto Azul turnabout

THE SUPREME Court denied the registration of only 6,917 square meters of Puerto Azul, not 110 hectares as had been reported in this column on Sept. 3.

"The 6,917 sqm property is not absolutely lost if the proper documentation can be produced and the errors rectified," Puerto Azul said in a statement.

The fate of the 110 hectares mentioned in the Supreme Court decision is still with the regulatory and judicial agencies, and Puerto Azul declined to elaborate on their status.

In any case, the contested properties are about a kilometer away from the newly launched Cresta Grande subdivision within the sprawling mountainous beach resort.

The Panlilios, who own Puerto Azul, have apparently been encouraged by the spectacular success of Punta Fuego, the joint-venture project of the Roxases and the Metro Pacific Group, further down the Batangas coastline.

Like the Terrazas de Punta Fuego, Cresta Grande is offering lot packages targeting Metro Manila's rich who would like a weekend seaside getaway.

Cresta Grande lot cuts are bigger, at 525 to 1,200 sqm, than Punta Fuego's 350 to 1,000 sqm, but priced lower, at P5,000 to P8,000 a sqm, as against Punta Fuego's P8,500 to P10,000.

Cresta Grande is also nearer to Manila, about 60 kilometers away from Rizal Park, as against Punta Fuego's 110 kilometers.

Heard through the grapevine

CONSTRUCTION magnate Reghis Romero had been slated for an ambassadorial posting in an Asian country. But with the Miriam Defensor-Santiago blitz, the diplomatic prospects have just suddenly dimmed.

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BSP tightens . . .

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credit cards, as well as a mechanism for handling customer complaints.

The banking regulator is likewise drawing up rules to ensure that banks would conduct a tighter assessment of credit card users' capability to pay. However, the BSP has ruled out the prescription of a ceiling on credit card exposure as a percentage of a bank's portfolio.

Credit card penetration rate in the Philippines is estimated at 30 percent of the population.

There are about four million credit cards issued in the Philippines.

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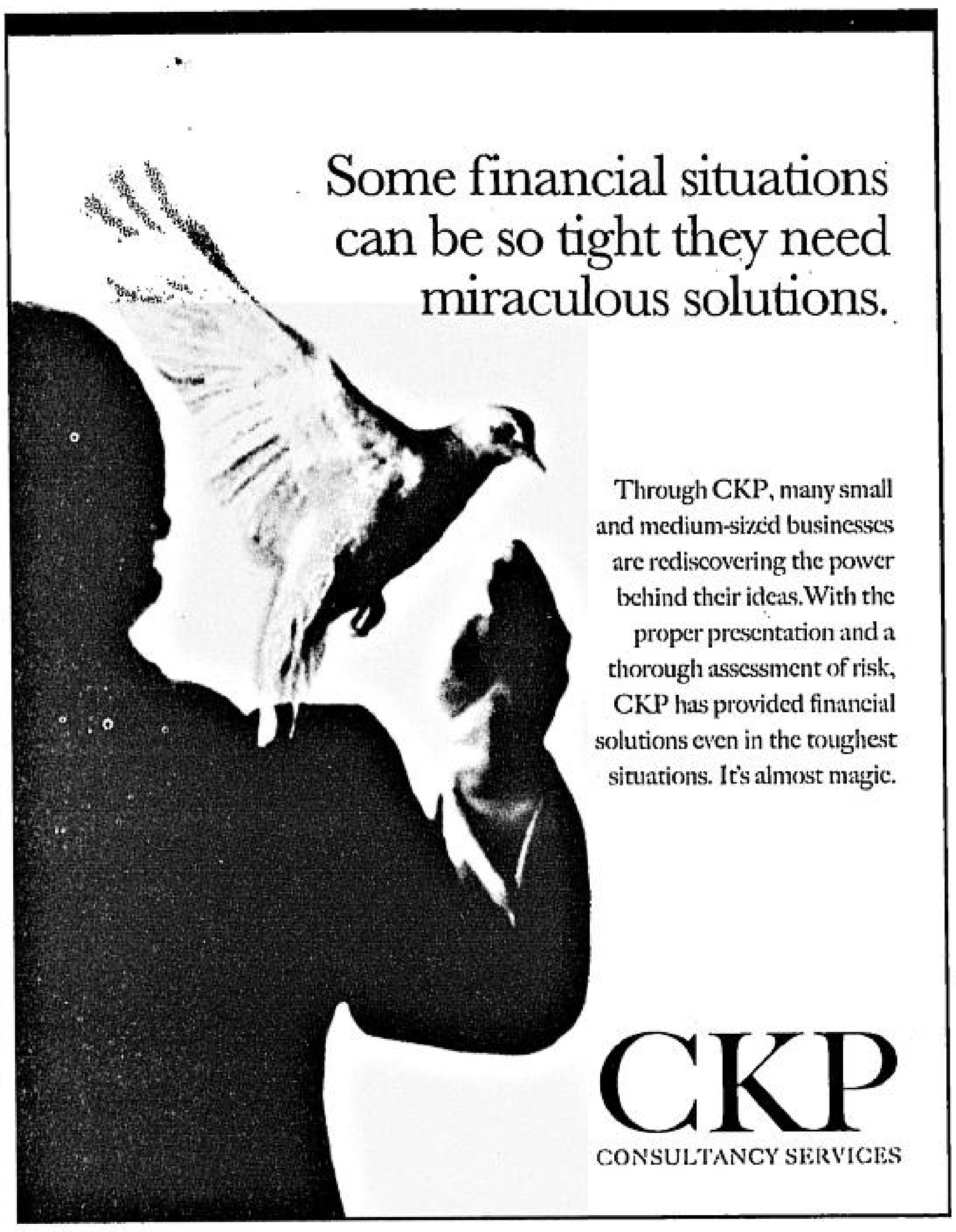

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PDIC: Many banks eager to acquire FSB

By Doris C. Dumlao

SHUTTERED First Savings Bank now has reason to hope after several banks have expressed interest in becoming its white knight, said its overseer Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp.

"The chances of rehabilitation are there," said PDIC president Ricardo Tan.

Tan said the PDIC had received "informal" interests to acquire FSB, but the receiver would start inviting investors only once it had finished its due diligence audit on the thrift bank's books.

"We're still doing the pencil-pushing ... the investors will want to know what they are buying into," Tan said, noting that the PDIC would have to determine first whether the bank could be rehabilitated. "Under the law, we have to make that determination within 90 days."

Tan said the PDIC hoped to finish its task within the next two weeks.

In a separate interview, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Deputy Governor Alberto Reyes said there were at least two banks that had offered to take over FSB prior to its shutdown last Wednesday.

The BSP would not have placed FSB under receivership, Reyes said, if either of the two banks had been willing to immediately take over and service the withdrawal demands.

"They wanted it to stay on a bank holiday until Friday, but we couldn't wait that long," Reyes said. "They have to talk to the PDIC now."

The BSP executive said FSB attracted the interest of those banks despite its very small loan portfolio because its branches were well-located.

Established in 1965, the FSB head office is located on E. Rodriguez, Quezon City. It has three branches in Cubao, Quezon City, C.M. Recto Ave., Manila and Tanay, Rizal.

The BSP has imposed a moratorium in the issuance of new branch licenses to encourage consolidation within the banking system.

Reyes estimated the FSB's total loan portfolio at only P99 million, of which over 50 percent was non-performing.

He said the BSP had given the thrift bank until Aug. 31 to address its capital deficiency.

"We were overtaken by events," he said.

The BSP said the bank run which led to FSB's bank holiday came about when its clearing bank terminated FSB's account. About 96 checks issued by FSB to retail clients, mostly market vendors, bounced that same day and triggered panic among depositors.

The BSP now plans to tap commercial banks to institute a red alert mechanism to ward off bank runs which can cause the collapse of small banks.

The FSB has 10,609 account holders with total deposits of about P193.93 million, almost all of which fall under the new minimum deposit insurance coverage of P250,000.

The New Central Bank Act allows the BSP to place any bank in receivership and liquidation if any of the following conditions are present:

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SO OUR economy grew by 6.2 percent in the second quarter of this year. While that still pales in comparison to what our immediate neighbors have achieved, this growth performance would appear to belie that ours is an economy in crisis. Is all the hype about fiscal crisis overblown, then? Will the Filipinos' much vaunted resilience again save the day, and make the specter of economic collapse little more than doomsayers' exaggerated ranting?

Growth and jobs

If the economy grew so well, why did the unemployment rate rise from 12.2 percent a year ago to 13.7 percent today? The 1.1 million new jobs reportedly generated over the past year was still far insufficient to catch up with new entrants to the labor force, who numbered about 1.9 million in the past year alone. Note that at this rate, the 6-10 million jobs targeted over the next six years will not make a dent on the unemployment rate! To make real progress, the government should actually be targeting 2 million jobs a year, or 12 million over the next six years. Impossible dream?

To understand this "jobless growth" phenomenon better, one has to look beyond the aggregate numbers and examine where exactly the growth is coming from. The data imply that growth in the economy is coming from sectors that do not offer all that many jobs. Case in point was our growth performance last year, which was significantly boosted by the opening of the Malampaya gas wells in Palawan. This had propelled the overall mining sector (of which petroleum is a key part) to 26.7 percent growth. In turn, this led the overall industry sector to a 3.6 percent growth rate, masking the fact that construction, the second highest job creator in industry (i.e. next to manufacturing), had actually contracted by a hefty 8.5 percent last year.

Sources of growth

This year, growth in the second quarter mostly came, as usual, from the services sector, which contributed 3.2 percentage points out of the overall GNP growth of 5.7 percent. Communication continues to dominate this growth, posting 16.0 percent growth in the quarter, thanks to our continuing love affair with the cellphone and text messaging. Unfortunately, this sector is not a particularly strong job creator, accounting for less than five percent of total jobs in the economy.

Industry contributed the next largest share to GNP growth with 1.7 percentage points out of the 5.7 percent GNP growth. In dramatic contrast to last year, construction was the fastest growing subsector of industry in the past quarter, posting a rather unusual 13.7 percent growth over the previous year. What is remarkable about this growth is that the sector has consistently been contracting in recent years and actually contracted by 2.6 percent in 2003, but was suddenly boosted by a surge in public construction activities in the first and second quarters. The timing, of course, makes it no surprise.

With construction accounting for close to six percent of total jobs in the economy, all this election-related construction activity must have contributed significantly to job creation. That's the good news. The bad news is, that same surge in spending was instrumental in our having breached the fiscal deficit target. The other bad news is that the growth rate in construction is likely to return to negative territory now that the campaign season is over, and especially now that the persistent budget deficit has forced the government into severe belt-tightening. Thus, we can count out any further job increases from that sector in the forseeable future.

Agriculture, normally a big job provider accounting for 35 percent of total jobs in the economy, this time contributed a mere 0.7 percentage point to the aggregate GNP growth rate. Indeed, the sector saw a net decline of 76 thousand jobs over the past year, even though it has so far grown faster than last year. There is a bit of a puzzle here as most of the specific major crop sectors (except for coconut) posted positive growth, and even in the double digits for rice and corn. And yet the number of farm jobs actually declined. I don't have the answer for this one.

Consumption-driven

The demand for goods and services that spurs growth in our production continues to come primarily from personal consumption expenditures, which account for two-thirds of all spending for our products. With consumption growth further accelerating to 6.0 percent from last year's 5.3 percent, the ever-increasing flow of overseas remittances has clearly been instrumental to this.

Ideally, we would like to see more of demand growth coming from investment expenditures, as these directly lead to a further increase in productive capacity of the economy. The good news is that investment (capital formation) actually grew by a healthy 8.5 percent in the last quarter, propped up by the artificial surge in construction described above. The bad news, as before, is that this is not likely to be sustained given the need to severely cut down on government capital expenditures.

Finally, the other major flaw in our production performance is in the way more than half of our total production (55 percent of total) is confined to Metro Manila and its surrounding provinces. With 70 percent of the Filipino poor living in the countryside, we cannot make much dent on poverty in the country for as long as our economic growth is as narrow, shallow and hollow as it has been. This is the other face of the crisis we need to address.

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CAP to get ₱13B in loan, property

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

COLLEGE Assurance Plan Philippines Inc. (CAP) said its board on Friday approved a proposed P6 billion property infusion from a local real estate firm, and a P7.1-billion loan from a foreign fund to help the pre-need firm plug its trust fund deficit.

Sources told the INQUIRER that in exchange for the P6 billion worth of property, CAP would issue preferred shares to real estate firm. The investor would also be entitled to a board seat in CAP.

The capital, once approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), will be placed in CAP's trust fund.

CAP's board also approved the initial terms of a memorandum of understanding for a $127-million loan, or roughly P7.1 billion, from a New York-based fund. The loan will be paid back in full in 10 years, and will have a grace period of two years on interest payments.

The same New York fund may also provide additional $100 million, or roughly P5 billion, in new equity into CAP and may be entitled to two seats in the company's board. CAP, however, still has to negotiate this arrangement with the New York fund.

CAP has yet to decide whether it will issue common or preferred shares in exchange for equity from the New York fund. The New York fund has yet to seek approval from its own mother firm for the loan and equity infusion.

The board also authorized CAP's business development group headed by CAP director Robert John Sobrepeña to negotiate for the final terms of the $127-million loan and $100-million equity infusion.

Sobrepeña earlier said CAP is expected to ink an agreement with these two investors before the end of the month.

Company sources earlier said that when the P7.1 loan is secured, CAP will use the cash to buy back the assets in its trust fund which consist of participation in approximately P3.4 billion worth of bonds backed up by the cash flow from the Metro Rail Transit (MRT) project and certain real-estate properties.

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of September 10, 2004)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	165,900
Bank of the Phil. Islands	46	46.5	45.5	46.5	1,137,600
China Banking Corp.	535	535	535	535	360
Citystate Savings Bank	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.25	400
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	42	42	41.5	42	15,700
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.5	0.5	0.49	0.5	410,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	27.5	28.5	27.5	28	873,600
Philippine National Bank	23.25	23.25	23	23.25	16,700
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	32,400
Security Bank Corp.	23.25	23.25	23	23	177,100
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Bankard Inc.	1.02	1.02	1	1	88,000
Filipino Fund Inc.	3	3	3	3	3,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	2330	2330	2330	2330	8,300
Phil. Stock Exchange Inc.	115	115	115	115	20
Sun Life Financial Inc.	1545	1550	1545	1550	13,530
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.5	2,400
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	0.7	0.7	0.68	0.69	1,750,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	1010	1045	1000	1035	216,650
Ipeople Inc.	1.62	1.62	1.6	1.6	59,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.037	0.037	0.036	0.037	7,200,000
Liberty Telecoms Holdings	0.225	0.225	0.225	0.225	100,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.8	5,550,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1400	1425	1400	1420	76,820
Ivantage Corp.	0.66	0.67	0.66	0.67	2,460,000
Philweb Corp.	0.012	0.012	0.011	0.012	7,100,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	15.75	16	15.75	16	121,000
Manila Electric Co. B	24.5	24.75	24.5	24.75	1,563,200
Petron Corp.	2.8	2.85	2.8	2.85	1,318,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	1.14	1.14	1.1	1.14	215,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.44	1.5	1.44	1.46	1,083,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6	99,000
Lorenzo Shipping Corp.	0.59	0.6	0.59	0.6	50,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	10,000
Republic Cement Corp.	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	30,000
Union Cement Corp.	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.46	5,993,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.*	2.9	2.95	2.9	2.95	16,000
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	30	30	30	30	12,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	26	26	25.5	25.5	108,800
RFM Corp.	0.75	0.78	0.75	0.75	180,000
San Miguel Corp. A	58	58.5	58	58.5	16,900
San Miguel Corp. B	70	70	69.5	69.5	45,100
Universal Robina Corp.	8.2	8.6	8.2	8.6	153,000
Vitarich Corp.	0.3	0.3	0.29	0.3	1,150,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Alok-Big Wedge Co. Inc.	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	1,000
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	57,000,000
Alok-Big Wedge. Inc. B	5	5	5	5	1,000
Ayala Corp.	6.2	6.4	6.2	6.4	27,207,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	300,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.026	0.033	0.026	0.033	96,300,000
A. Soriano Corp.	1.48	1.48	1.46	1.46	67,000
APC Group Inc.	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095	100,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.007	0.0075	0.007	0.007	124,000,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.15	0.17	0.15	0.17	310,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	20,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	8,200
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.6	0.6	0.58	0.6	10,380,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	770,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	3,480,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.17	0.185	0.165	0.175	17,730,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	2.1	2.16	2.1	2.16	4,994,000
Ever-Gotesco Resources	0.033	0.035	0.033	0.035	7,000,000
Fil-Estate Corp.	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	50,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	27.5	28	27	28	1,189,800
Forum Pacific Inc.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	160,000
Global Equities Inc.	0.075	0.0825	0.075	0.0825	31,400,000
Ionics Inc.	1.84	1.88	1.84	1.88	525,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.82	1.82	1.78	1.78	222,000
Macroasia Corp.	1.32	1.42	1.32	1.4	445,000
Marsteel Cons. Inc. B	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.013	200,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	553,000
Magnum Holdings Inc.	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	10,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.55	0.58	0.54	0.58	67,550,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.155	0.165	0.15	0.165	8,720,000
Prime Media Holdings Inc.	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12	100,000
East Asia Power Res. Corp.	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	500,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	200,000
Seafront Resources Corp.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	60,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.16	0.185	0.16	0.185	16,370,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.21	0.21	0.2	0.2	5,500,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Music Semiconductors Corp.	1.78	1.78	1.78	1.78	7,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	1.02	1.02	0.97	1.02	1,897,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	1,300,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.73	0.74	0.72	0.73	3,180,000
Manila Jockey Club	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	15,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.33	0.34	0.33	0.34	440,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp (Pdr)	22	22	21.75	21.75	139,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series O	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	700
PLDT (10% Pref.) Series U	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,700
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	300
PLDT (10% Pref) Series X	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	100
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	3,600
PLDT 10% Pref Series Bb	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,300
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.3	20,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6.1	6.3	6	6.3	20,531,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.5	0.56	0.5	0.54	1,340,000
C&P Homes Inc.	0.39	0.41	0.38	0.4	49,430,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	150,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.35	0.36	0.34	0.36	21,800,000
Edsa Prop. Holdings Inc.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	70,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.04	1.06	1.02	1.06	15,727,000
Gotesco Land, Inc.	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095	800,000
Highlands Prime Inc.	2.16	2.16	2.16	2.16	50,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.23	0.245	0.22	0.245	11,270,000
City & Land Developers	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	12,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.43	0.45	0.43	0.45	410,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	2	2	2	2	69,000
SM Development Corp.	1	1.06	1	1.06	15,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	10,093,000
MINING					
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	18,000,000
Lepanto Cons Mng Co A	0.225	0.225	0.215	0.22	1,880,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.28	0.28	0.27	0.27	1,280,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.014	0.014	0.014	0.014	70,500,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.017	0.017	0.016	0.017	165,000,000
Omico Corp.	0.006	0.007	0.006	0.007	1,552,000,000
Polar Mines & Dev't Corp.	0.033	0.034	0.033	0.034	20,500,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	520,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	230,000
United Paragon Mining Co.	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	70,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.013	0.013	0.011	0.011	200,000
Interport Res.	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	14,000,000
Interport Res. B	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	3,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0044	0.0044	0.0044	0.0044	36,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	20,000,000
Pacifica	0.012	0.013	0.012	0.013	37,100,000
Petroenergy Res. Corp.	2.85	2.85	2.8	2.8	124,000

Profit-taking seen

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For one, the government allowed the cash-starved National Power Corp. to raise power rates by 98 centavos per kilowatt-hour, which analysts estimated could cut government subsidies to the power firm by about P40 billion a year.

Analysts also said this eased fiscal worries and helped the government's latest global bond sale raise $1 billion last week, far better than the target of $750 million.

Also adding to the optimism, analysts said, was the government projecting the economy to expand 5.9 -6.1 percent this year, higher than its earlier growth forecast of 4.9-5.8 percent, mainly driven by the services sector.

World oil prices have also started to decline from recent highs, easing inflation worries after the world's oil cartel said it might increase production capacity by year's end.

"The third quarter is almost over and investors are focusing on stocks with good fundamentals and strong earnings such as telecoms. If earnings for the third quarter remain strong, investors may be encourage to accumulate," BPI Trade said.

"The market is likely to test the 1,800 level as momentum remains strong. Technically, however, the market is overbought and this suggests that it is susceptible to profit-taking," it added.

Vistan also said investors should be cautious after the market's hefty gains.

"Stocks are usually considered to be at extremely overbought levels when they make 12 record session highs. The Phisix has already made eleven session highs since Aug. 25," he said.

He added that the local stock market has outperformed its Asian counterparts and would be a prime candidate for profit-taking.

Investors will also watch how the economy will perform in the second half when there would be no election-related spending to boost activity. Further, world oil prices remain a concern despite the recent declines.

"We remain wary of the short and longer-term impact of higher energy prices on inflation, corporate profits and consumer spending. The outlook for oil prices remains uncertain due to a wide range of factors. Supply can be curbed by the problems in the Middle East and demand can be driven by the rapidly growing economies of China and India," Vistan said. Elizabeth L. Sanchez

Bingo Bonanza income hit . . .

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than offset the losses in 2003, marking the start of its upturn during the first half of 2004.

Bingo Bonanza recorded a 12.5-percent increase in sales to P1.2 billion during the first half, up from P140.9 million over the same period last year.

As a result, parent company LRWC posted a consolidated income of P19.5 million, a substantial improvement from the P22.3 million net loss for the same period in 2003.

In 1999, LRWC acquired capital stocks of ABLE/Bingo Bonanza through Shared Exchange Agreements.

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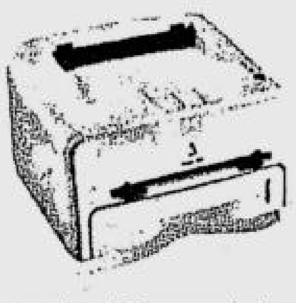

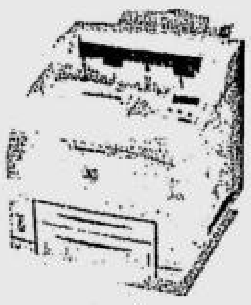

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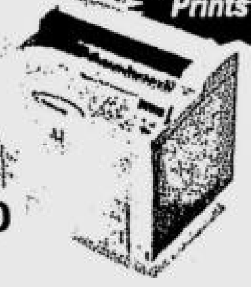

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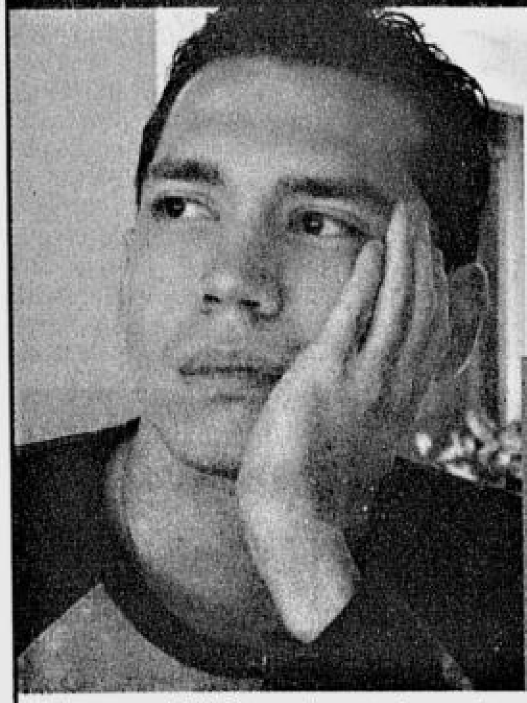

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PAL wants out of rehabilitation program

By Clarissa S. Batino

PHILIPPINE Airlines has asked creditors to let it get out of its rehabilitation program this year, or 5 years ahead of schedule, so it could borrow funds for expansion, according to PAL president Jaime Bautista.

Bautista said the airline needed the written approval of all its creditors before it could get out of the 10-year rehab program that started in 1999.

Most of PAL's creditors, he said, were open to the idea. Some, however, have expressed reservations about the plan.

"The terms of the rehabilitation program are limiting our growth," Bautista noted.

PAL, Asia's oldest airline, was forced to undergo a rehabilitation program due to the adverse impact of a major labor problem and its failure to settle some $2.2 billion in debt. The rehab called for the infusion of $200 million in fresh equity from owner Lucio Tan.

Like any company under rehabilitation, the flag carrier is barred from incurring new loans. Major moves, including the purchase of new aircraft and flying to new routes, need to be approved by the creditors.

The US Export Import Bank and a group of European export credit agencies accounted for nearly two-thirds of PAL's $2.2 billion in debt. About $400 million is owed to local banks.

PAL has so far managed to reduce its obligations to about $1.2 billion. Bautista said the airline had been paying debts as they fall due.

"Financially, we are okay because we have enough cash flow to pay our obligations."

During the last fiscal year ending March 2004, PAL posted a net loss of P654 million, down from a net income of P363 million in the previous year.

In peso terms, PAL's liabilities covered under the rehabilitation stood at P77 billion as of end-March 2004, down from P83 billion the previous fiscal year.

PAL settled P10.4 billion in debt in the last fiscal year but foreign exchange adjustments ate up P3.8 billion.

Before rehabilitation, PAL had a fleet of 65 aircraft and a workforce of about 13,000.

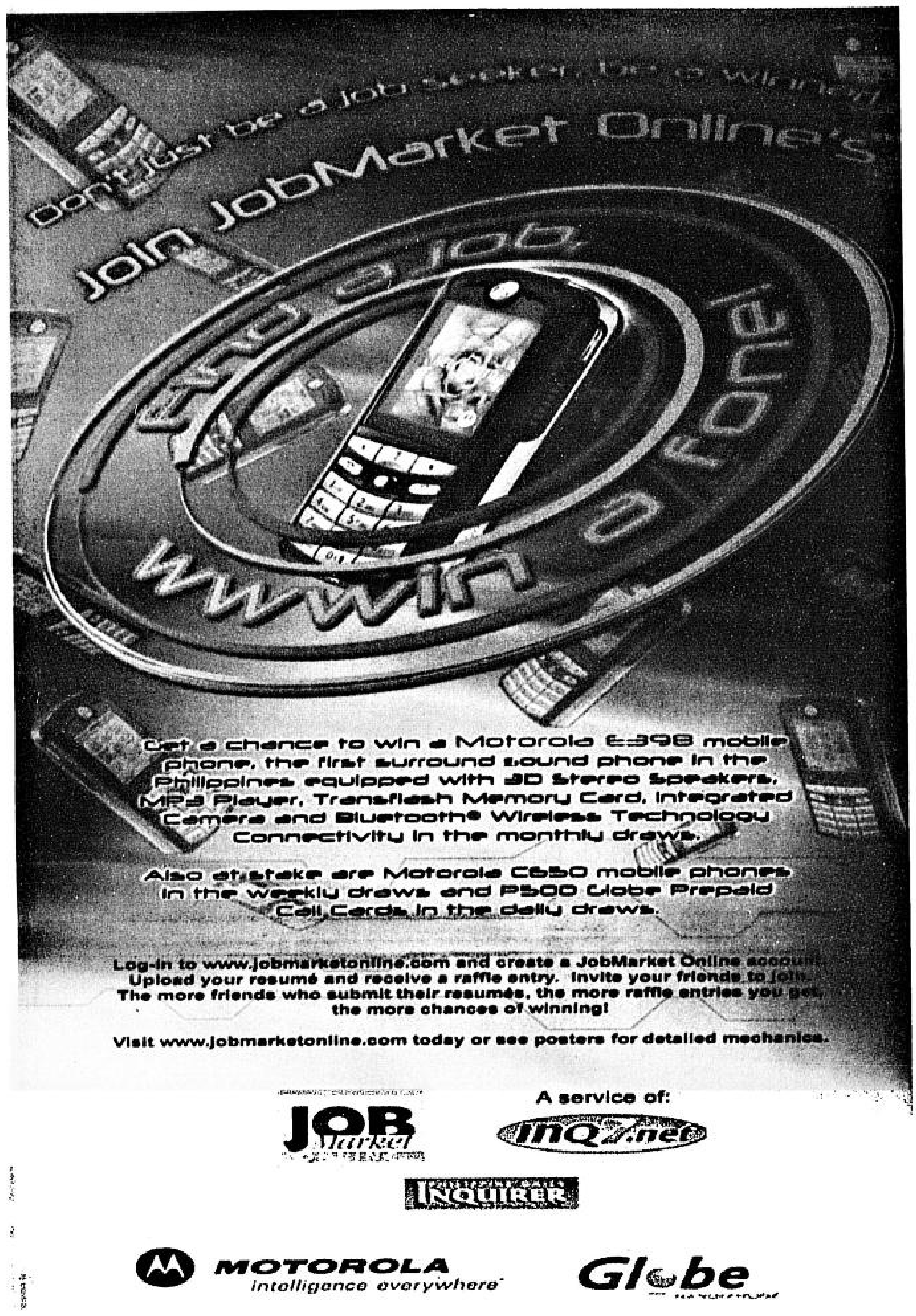
Bautista said PAL's fleet had been reduced to 30 and its workforce to a little over 7,000 in the course of the rehabilitation.

Bautista said that while PAL was showing positive results so far in the current fiscal year, external forces continued to cloud its prospects.

PAL, like any other airlines in the world, is reeling from the impact of the rising cost of fuel and terrorism threats. The weakening of the peso is further aggravating its problems.

"Airlines in the region, including PAL, are performing better. But we are hostage to external forces like fuel prices, foreign exchange and threats of terrorism that affect profitability," he pointed out.

The 47-year-old Bautista was named president of PAL last Aug. 26. He replaced Avelino Zapanta who had retired.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New BSP unit to head centralized credit bureau

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE POLICY-MAKING Monetary Board of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas has approved the establishment of a new unit that would spearhead a centralized credit bureau system in the country.

At present, the Philippines is at the bottom 10 of the 145 countries ranked according to the scope and efficiency of their local private credit bureaus, according to a global report of the World Bank.

Although the BSP preferred to have the Bankers' Association of the Philippines to take charge of the credit bureau, it had decided to step into the picture to speed up reforms in the country's credit reporting system.

The new BSP unit will jumpstart efforts to reform the Philippine credit rating process until a law on fair credit reporting is enacted, BSP officer in charge Alberto Reyes told reporters.

"We hope that all the clearances will be in place soon so that the unit can start its operations by the first semester of next year," Reyes said.

The interim credit bureau will assign identification numbers to Philippine borrowers. It is expected to pave the way for its transition to a private sector-led system.

Under the interim framework, all banks operating in the country will provide data on both "positive" and "negative" list of borrowers to the BSP for processing.

To date, the BSP has a data-sharing facility which, however, includes only information on delinquent borrowers. In general, banks are still hesitant to share information on good borrowers as they fear this will reduce their competitive edge.

The BSP believed that many banks could have avoided risky loan exposures in the past if they were more aware of their borrowers' outstanding liabilities with other banks.

Reyes said the BSP's legal counsel ruled that the institution could push through with this interim framework provided that banks would seek a waiver of confidentiality from the borrowers as soon as a loan application was submitted.

The interim framework will not require any amendment to the bank secrecy law since it is not expected to infringe on secrecy of deposit accounts. But to protect the BSP's right to generate feedback and consolidate the credit data, the secrecy waiver was needed.

Proposed LTO requirement seen to yield ₱15B in revenue

THE LAND Transportation Office (LTO) could help the government raise an additional P15 billion in revenue by the end of the year if it would implement a proposal by Congress to require car owners to present their Income Tax Return as a condition to the registration of their vehicles.

Under House Resolution No. 154, House Speaker Jose de Venecia and nine other senior members of Congress urged President Arroyo to issue an executive order mandating the LTO to require the submission of ITR of individuals prior to the registration of their vehicles.

It was noted that privately owned cars and trucks registered with the LTO reached 3.14 million last year, much higher than the 67,800 individuals who paid their income taxes during the period.

Rep. Herminio Teves, senior vice chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means, said the proposed measure would force tax evaders to pay taxes because otherwise, they would not be able to register their vehicles.

"The rationale of said resolution is to provide a mechanism of cross-checking the income declared and paid to the Bureau of Internal Revenue," Teves said in a recent privilege speech.

It was added in the resolution that there was a need to generate much-needed revenue by ensuring that taxes are captured by the tax net through an effective system that ensures revenue collection efficiency.

Teves noted in his speech that he agreed with President Macapagal-Arroyo that the budget deficit was the country's most urgent problem. "In war, we are asked to shed blood. In a fiscal crisis, we are only asked to pay the right amount of taxes," he stressed.

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cent to its four-and-a-half-year high on renewed foreign interest and broad-based buying.

"We think investors may view the rate hike as a first step towards averting an impending fiscal and power crisis," UBS said. "It is also taken as an evidence of the government's commitment to implement potentially painful reforms," it added.

UBS, however, said it believes an additional rate hike may be required, noting that the recent adjustment was only 50 percent of Napocor's petition. An additional increase may be needed to restore the state-owned firm to operating profitability, UBS pointed out.

UBS economist Christa Janjic has estimated that the recent rate hike translates to a 0.1 percentage point (ppt) reduction in the country's public sector deficit this year, and 0.8 ppt next year.

UBS also said it maintained its view that the immediate privatization of Napocor and absorption of a part of its debt by the national government were crucial.

Petron considering freeze in gas prices

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE ENERGY department said world oil prices have started to ease this month, prompting semi-government-owned Petron Corp. to consider a possible freeze in its pump prices.

According to Department of Energy data, prices of trend-setter Dubai crude as of Sept. 9 fell for the 12th time in the last 14 trading days after hitting an all-time high of $41.26 a barrel last Aug. 20.

DOE monitoring showed that the average price of Dubai crude in the first nine days of September slid by $3.32 to $35.22 a barrel from $38.54, in the wake of reports indicating an oversupply in the world market.

For prices of finished products, the benchmark Mean of Platts Singapore posted a $3.50-cut for unleaded gasoline to an average of $47.99 a barrel, from $51.49 in August.

On the other hand, Mops-based diesel prices were still volatile in the 14 trading days up to Sept. 9, averaging $51.86 a barrel from $51.66 last month.

"If this new trend (of easing prices) sustains, we expect our pump prices to be steady in the coming days," Energy Secretary Vincent S. Perez said in a statement.

Petron public affairs manager Virginia A. Ruivivar said in a separate statement the local oil giant might be able to hold current prices if the easing was sustained until the end of September.

This, despite warnings from a price watchdog and other oil firms that another barrage of price hikes were expected this month.

The private sector-run Consumer and Oil Price Watch warned that importers were expected to hike gasoline prices by 47 centavos a liter and of diesel by P2.14 a liter.

COPW chair Raul Concepcion had also said local refiners Petron and Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. were expected to hike gasoline prices by 91 centavos a liter and to slash diesel prices by 63 centavos.

Officials of Shell and the Independent Philippine Petroleum Companies Association said further price hikes were indeed expected since the oil firms have not fully reflected increased costs in the world market to local pump prices.

Oil prices have been rising in the last few months due to high world oil demand amid tight supply, terrorist attacks, political tensions involving oil exporting countries and military unrest in the Middle East.

Petron's Ruivivar said analysts think the recent downward trend was mainly due to an apparent oversupply in market.

When prices were climbing to record high in August, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries increased production in a bid to stem the uptrend.

RP urged to consider nuclear power sources

By Abigail L. Ho

SYDNEY, Australia—Despite the Philippines' relatively small size, the government should not discount the possibility of tapping nuclear power in the coming years, a regional energy official said.

Ravinder Mago, general manager of the Nuclear Power Corp. of India, said the benefits of nuclear power, even for a small country like the Philippines, made it an obvious candidate for helping supply the country's future energy needs.

"Nuclear power is environmentally friendly, economically viable and has the advantage of energy security," he said. "It has huge potential of electricity generation for centuries to come."

He noted that Vietnam, also a small and developing country like the Philippines, was keen on tapping nuclear sources for its energy requirements.

The important things to consider, if a government would choose to use nuclear means in generating power, were the project proponent's technical expertise and the government's political will.

Should the Philippines decide to invest in nuclear power generation, he said the Indian government was willing to provide any form of assistance it could offer.

During the recently concluded 19th World Energy Council Congress and Exhibition here, much emphasis was given on nuclear power, especially by countries like China, Japan, Korea and India, where energy demand was projected to spike in the coming years.

China aimed to increase nuclear power's share in its energy mix to 4 percent by 2020 from the current 1.8 percent, said China State Development and Reform Commission vice chair Zhang Guo-bao.

To achieve this, China would be adding nuclear stations with capacities reaching 30 gigawatts.

Japan also planned to add more nuclear power capacity, said Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan chair Yohsaku Fuji, particularly as the country aimed to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 20 percent by 2010.

Korea likewise had plans to increase the 16,716 megawatts (MW) of electricity that 19 operating units were producing, according to Korea Electric Power Corp. senior vice president Meng-Hyun Yoon.

Seven more plants are currently under construction and are seen to boost the country's nuclear power capacity by 7,800 MW.

SEC warns of financial scams

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission (SEC) has been receiving numerous complaints from irate victims against five companies, which could indicate the resurgence of illegal boiler room operations.

SEC Commissioner Joselia Poblador said the corporate watchdog was firming up its case against these firms and would divulge the names of these firms once cases are filed.

Boiler room operations usually involve unqualified sales people that use high pressure tactics, or misleading information, to sell stocks, commodities or land to potential investors, without a license.

"We are still checking whether the ones we've caught (before) are the same as the ones that resurfaced," Poblador said.

She said most of the complaints are from foreign investors.

"It is giving our country a bad name. We don't want to be tagged as the haven for boiler room activities. These firms check if the regulator is lowering its guard and then they start coming back," she said.

Since 2000, the SEC has issued cease and desist orders against Goldberg & Partners, United Capital Management, Oxford International Management, Wells Chadwick, Barclays Group Inc. & New World Financial Group, Sherman Brothers Management, Bradford Kempner Management Services, Muller & Sons Securities, Dukes & Company Securities, Knowie & Sachs, Saxon & Swift, Newport Pacific Securities, Worldwide Investors, Asia World Online and Bradshaw Global Asset Management.

SEC officials also said one complaint recently filed with the SEC involved $20,000. Poblador said the SEC was coordinating with its counterpart in Malaysia to gather evidence from victims in that country.

SEC officials said boiler room operators usually prey on developing countries, including Thailand, Philippines and Malaysia.

Poblador last month said the Commission has been alerted of renewed boiler room activities in Cebu, Pampanga, Davao and in Manila.

Former SEC Chair Lilia Bautista said some of these boiler room operators pretended to be call centers.

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Investors waiting for Wall St. to break out of rut

NEW YORK—Wall Street posted modest gains over the past week, offering some hope the stock market can break out of the narrow trading range of the past eight months.

In the holiday-shortened week to Friday, the blue-chip Dow Jones Industrial Average advanced 0.51 percent to 10,313.07 and the Standard and Poor's 500 broad-market index added 0.92 percent to 1,123.92.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite meanwhile rallied 2.7 percent for the four sessions to close at 1,894.31.

Despite the gains of the past few weeks, investors have been frustrated because the market has been holding in a narrow range over the past eight months after digesting 2003's strong gains.

"Something has to give at some point, because this is one of the longest pauses the market has turned in over the past two decades—directionless now for 207 days," said David Rosenberg at Merrill Lynch.

Ralph Acampora at Wachovia Securities said the market may be ready to resume its upward trend after a long period of churning.

"We have been in the camp of those calling for this frustrating eight-month trading range to be nothing more than an intermediate term correction in a cyclical bull market," he said.

John Hughes, market analyst at Shields and Co., agreed that a bit more churning may set the stage for the Dow to break above 10,400 and improve the mood on Wall Street.

"If we break above this level it really changes the whole complexion of the year so far to what we perceive as much more positive," Hughes said.

"If you just trade around up here in these very narrow ranges for a couple of weeks you're going to work off all that overbought situation and all that buying that was built up and you're going to create an opportunity without any significant pullback."

But RBC Dain Rauscher analyst Bob Dickey said the stock market shows no sign of breaking out of its trading range.

"There is still no trend to this market, and little indication of what may be developing now that the summer months are behind us," Dickey said.

"We are stuck with the greater likelihood that the same sideways trend of the past eight months will likely continue."

The market has been able to weather the impact of high oil prices and less-than-spectacular economic data.

But Federal Reserve chair Alan Greenspan said the economy is "gaining traction," fueling hopes that the news will get better.

Peter Cardillo at SW Bach said if oil prices hold in check, stocks could gather momentum.

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Surprise drop in US prices mixed news for economy

WASHINGTON—A surprise drop in US wholesale prices in August showed inflation apparently in check, but analysts said this was good and bad news for the US economy.

The producer price index (PPI), a measure on inflation at the wholesale level, dipped 0.1 percent in August, the government said.

The core producer price index—excluding food and energy goods— also fell 0.1 percent.

But what appeared initially as good news also has some negative implications, said economists.

"All these figures suggest that businesses did not pass the rise in energy prices into their final prices over the past two months. It is clearly good news for inflation but—clearly not for growth," said Marie-Pierre Ripert, US economist at CDC IXIS Capital Markets.

"Indeed, businesses will probably continue to be cautious in their hiring decisions and in their wage increases to offset the big rise in their input prices."

In the past 12 months, the producer price index (PPI) is up 3.4 percent, down from a four percent pace in July. The core PPI is up 1.5 percent in the past 12 months.

Energy prices rose 0.2 percent in August, with gasoline down five percent even as crude oil prices were hitting fresh records during the month.

Home heating oil prices jumped 7.8 percent while liquefied petroleum gas prices soared 13.9 percent.

Food prices fell 0.2 percent, the third decline in a row after three months of large gains.

The overall tame inflation news takes pressure off the Federal Reserve to step up the pace of its rate hikes. The Fed is expected to raise its federal funds rate by a quarter percentage point on Sept. 21 to 1.75 percent.

In a separate report, the Commerce Department said the US trade deficit narrowed in July as imports fell for the first time in almost a year.

The deficit fell 8.9 percent to $50.1 dollars in July, the sharpest decline in the deficit since December 2001.

Despite the decline, July's trade gap is still the second highest on record.

"The awesome trade chasm narrowed a bit, but it is so wide that we cannot be too happy," said Joel Naroff at Naroff Economic Advisors.

"The situation is horrible. Still, I like the trend as exports expanded while imports fell. We sold more capital goods, industrial supplies and vehicles to the rest of the world."

Recent economic data have suggested a tepid pace of US economic growth and modest inflationary pressures.

But Federal Reserve chair Alan Greenspan said last week economic expansion "has regained some traction" after a soft patch earlier this year.

Nonetheless, some economists remain skeptical.

"We'd be the first to agree that recent macro data are hardly conclusive signs that the recovery is again getting 'traction;' they are instead merely hopeful," said Morgan Stanley economists Richard Berner and Shital Patel in a research noted.

Economist Nariman Behravesh at the research firm Global Insight said high oil prices are unlikely to drop significantly and "will remain a drag on the economy" and that the Fed must be cautious about lifting rates under these circumstances.

"Uncertainty about oil prices, along with slower economic growth, will complicate the task of the Federal Reserve, which has embarked on a path of slowly but steadily rising interest rates," he said.

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Embattled Disney CEO to leave in '06

EISNER

LOS ANGELES—Michael Eisner, who helped transform The Walt Disney Co. into a media powerhouse, but has come under increasing pressure recently to improve the company's lagging performance, will retire after more than two decades as CEO, the company said Friday.

Whether the move will silence his most vocal critics and who will succeed Eisner remained in doubt.

In a letter written to Disney's board, Eisner said he intends to step down when his current contract expires on Sept. 30, 2006.

"Until then I shall continue to exert every effort to help the company achieve our goals, to assist the board in selecting the new chief executive officer, and to make the transition expeditious, efficient and smooth and easy," Eisner wrote.

Eisner joined the company in 1984 along with former Warner Bros. executive Frank Wells at the behest of Roy E. Disney, nephew of company co-founder Walt Disney.

Eisner and Wells transformed Disney by revitalizing its dormant animation efforts, expanding the theme parks and, most dramatically, by purchasing Capital Cities/ABC in 1995, thus adding ABC, ESPN and other networks to the mix.

But since 1996, Disney has stumbled—its stock price fell as ratings slipped at ABC, the company made some questionable acquisitions and investors began to question Eisner's control over his board of directors.

Roy Disney and ally Stanley Gold, once Eisner's strongest backers, resigned from the board in November and championed an effort to oust Eisner.

That campaign culminated in an unprecedented vote of no confidence at Disney's March shareholders meeting in Philadelphia. Investors withheld 45 percent of their votes to reelect Eisner to the board, and delivered similar blows to other board members.

As a result, the board stripped Eisner of his chairmanship, while also expressing confidence in his management skills.

Sensing a weakness, cable television giant Comcast Corp. launched a bid for Disney in February. Disney's board rejected it as too low and Comcast later withdrew its offer after it became clear Eisner had more support than first thought.

Roy Disney and Gold sustained their ouster efforts and said they would run a challenge slate of directors at next year's shareholder meeting.

Eisner's announced retirement may undermine those efforts.

"I think this will relieve some of the pressure on the Disney board, and will likely go a long way to appeasing the concerns of many institutional investors as to a succession plan and also the poor financial and stock price performance over the past few years," said Greg Taxin, chief executive of Glass, Lewis & Co., an institutional investment research firm that had recommended withholding support from Eisner.

Disney's stock rose slightly on the news Friday, trading up 33 cents, or 1.4 percent, to $23.19 in midday trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Eisner has strongly endorsed Disney president Robert Iger as a potential successor. But the board could look to other executives in the company or even former Disney executives who now lead their own companies.

Likely candidates include Paul Pressler, CEO of Gap. Inc., or Meg Whitman, CEO of eBay Inc.

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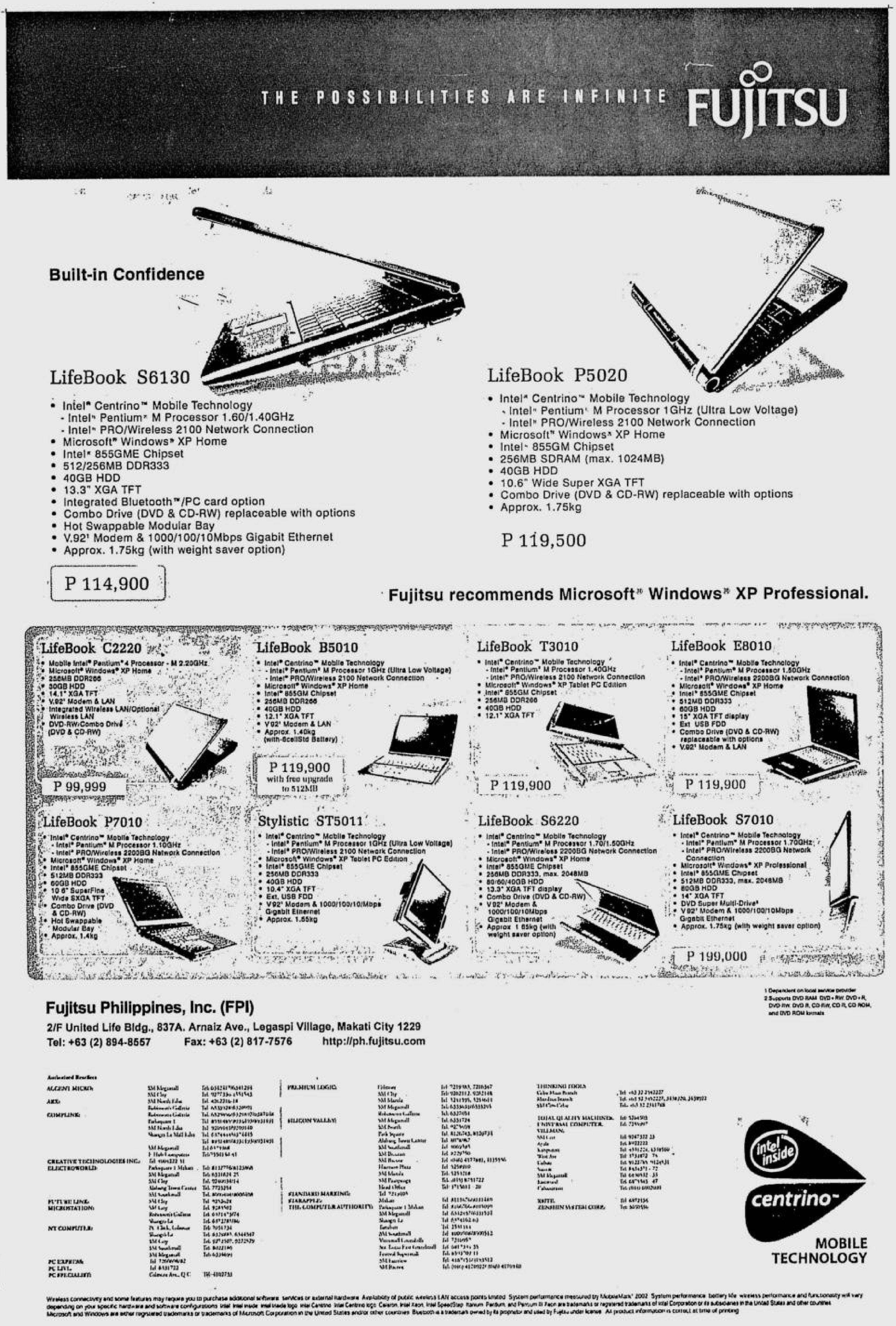
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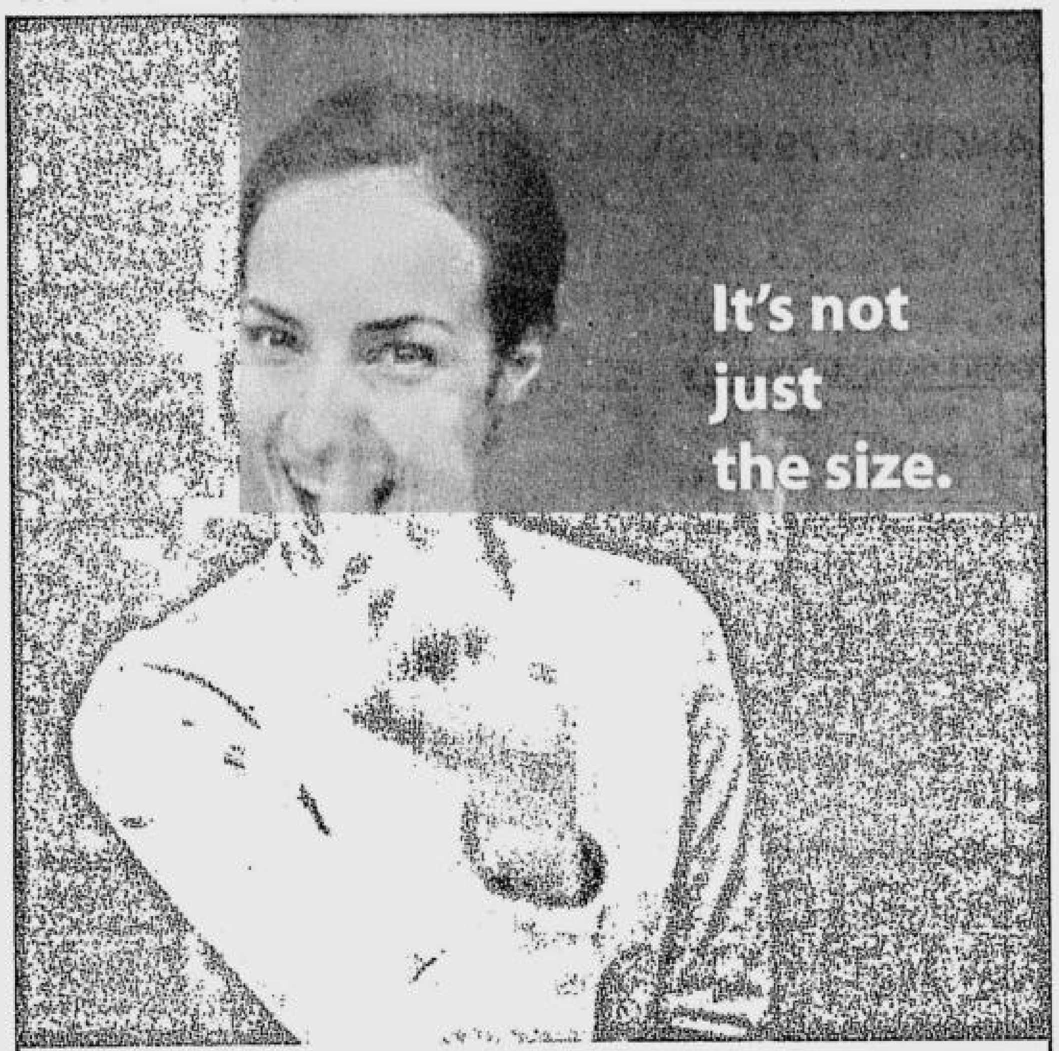

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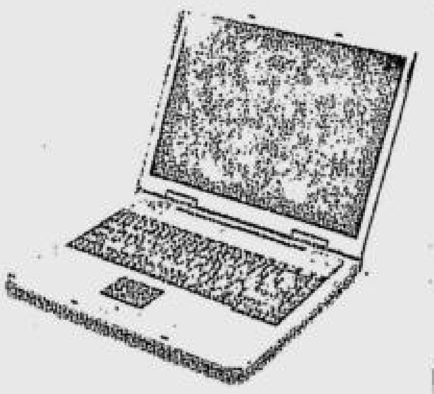

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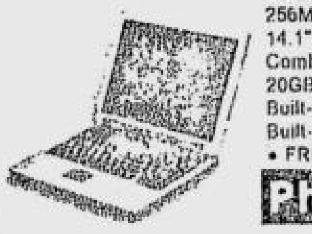

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REGION 1		5,533,430	1,368,806	4,164,623	2,869,357			1,990,707	151,848	70,624	656,178	2,155,367			1,155,304	967,416	32,646	713,990			
Ilocos Norte	1	905,512	140,334	765,178	513,781	4	30	352,028	21,967	17,835	121,951	373,013	4	40	221,213	151,800	0	140,768	3	17	27
Ilocos Sur	1	2,724,158	650,395	2,073,763	709,702	2	18	371,074	10,848	233	327,547	425,125	3	29	178,740	246,385	-	284,577	1	2	40
La Union	1	540,880	114,609	426,270	571,751	3	26	336,779	22,009	20,058	192,905	439,276	2	28	241,537	190,668	7,070	132,476	4	18	23
Pangasinan	1	1,362,879	463,467	899,412	1,074,123	1	5	930,826	97,024	32,498	13,775	917,954	1	7	513,815	378,563	25,576	156,169	2	11	15
CAR		2,592,963	455,094	2,137,869	1,827,843			1,509,538	37,754	30,839	249,713	1,663,406			912,904	749,300	1,202	164,436			
Abra	3	211,256	87,925	123,331	386,133	2	49	273,408	2,889	4,226	105,610	364,767	2	43	144,459	219,905	402	21,366	4	66	6
Apayao	3	305,369	60,586	244,782	290,480	3	64	238,949	873	679	49,980	273,608	3	62	111,688	161,910	10	16,872	5	69	6
Benguet	2	1,269,714	196,992	1,072,722	409,515	1	44	284,091	28,959	17,795	78,671	419,544	1	31	197,540	221,707	297	(10,029)	6	78	(2)
Ifugao	3	298,989	49,612	249,377	250,096	5	70	237,194	2,680	4,079	6,143	190,084	5	73	139,046	51,037	-	60,012	1	43	24
Kalinga	3	252,779	27,978	224,801	267,616	4	66	258,983	1,218	1,148	6,267	231,903	4	68	164,098	67,805	-	35,714	3	54	13
Mt. Province	3	254,857	32,001	222,855	224,003	6	73	216,914	1,135	2,911	3,042	183,501	6	74	156,073	26,935	493	40,501	2	51	18
REGION 2		3,552,416	1,326,572	2,225,844	2,225,067			2,034,979	71,273	55,442	63,373	1,723,400			1,000,646	682,548	40,206	501,667			
Batanes	4	337,648	153,478	184,170	120,360	5	79	116,524	1,807	382	1,648	103,631	5	79	66,350	36,258	1,023	16,729	5	70	14
Cagayan	1	1,231,428	484,378	747,050	671,067	2	20	601,706	17,081	30,511	21,769	561,439	1	16	337,218	212,778	11,443	109,628	2	24	16
Isabela	1	1,290,430	507,610	782,820	816,480	1	11	760,280	38,779	4,053	13,369	548,270	2	19	247,357	276,114	24,799	268,210	1	5	33
Nueva Vizcaya	2	436,351	83,542	352,809	353,780	3	57	317,240	10,213	12,318	14,009	307,489	3	53	212,221	94,922	347	46,290	4	49	13
Quirino	3	256,559	97,563	158,996	263,380	4	68	239,230	3,393	8,177	12,580	202,571	4	71	137,501	62,476	2,594	60,809	3	42	23
REGION 3		9,438,229	2,614,882	6,823,348	4,479,111			3,460,757	582,722	168,030	267,601	3,833,322			1,958,107	1,778,163	97,053	645,788			
Aurora	3	375,142	54,280	320,862	245,505	7	72	229,499	11,071	2,103	2,833	211,103	7	70	129,473	81,630	-	34,402	7	56	14
Bataan	1	937,485	213,064	724,421	568,866	4	27	309,840	171,656	17,735	69,635	442,352	5	27	244,706	185,428	12,218	126,514	2	19	22
Bulacan	1	2,271,908	572,408	1,699,500	1,251,670	1	3	806,729	289,800	79,569	75,572	1,102,401	1	2	417,753	660,069	24,579	149,269	1	12	12
Nueva Ecija	1	1,757,347	824,889	932,458	766,048	2	13	695,676	22,358	10,306	37,708	680,667	2	12	383,637	269,869	27,161	85,382	4	30	11
Pampanga	1	687,966	133,805	554,161	717,642	3	17	609,469	43,088	14,117	50,968	627,951	3	14	340,443	287,438	70	89,692	3	29	12
Tarlac	1	2,552,273	497,741	2,054,532	553,990	5	29	471,601	20,664	36,947	24,778	475,326	4	24	258,260	191,509	25,557	78,664	6	34	14
Zambales	2	856,109	318,695	537,415	375,389	6	51	337,944	24,085	7,253	6,107	293,523	6	59	183,834	102,220	7,469	81,866	5	32	22
REGION 4		15,777,122	2,779,700	12,997,422	7,590,696			5,419,712	1,474,141	149,995	546,848	6,194,558			3,110,353	2,988,907	95,218	1,396,137			
Batangas	1	1,760,541	316,776	1,443,766	1,025,049	5	8	707,697	266,959	15,719	34,673	1,018,470	2	4	456,469	561,727	274	6,579	9	73	1
Cavite	1	2,161,324	437,745	1,723,579	1,135,420	2	4	710,501	338,024	37,609	49,285	937,903	3	6	444,307	489,729	3,867	197,517	4	7	17
Laguna	1	2,695,565	280,043	2,415,522	1,300,149	1	2	706,677	430,583	45,768	117,120	1,020,687	1	3	436,862	583,763	62	279,462	2	3	21
Marinduque	4	298,080	66,916	231,164	217,471	10	74	194,566	4,975	5,042	12,888	197,153	10	72	145,881	51,271	-	20,318	8	68	9
Mindoro Occidental	2	684,612	50,983	633,630	385,565	8	50	360,259	12,743	329	12,234	353,263	8	45	186,985	166,266	12	32,302	7	58	8
Mindoro Oriental	2	1,842,888	49,842	1,793,045	446,630	7	39	402,321	20,604	3,252	20,453	367,805	7	41	200,168	167,637	-	78,825	6	33	18
Palawan	1	1,523,129	838,096	685,033	756,843	6	15	738,454	9,745	3,387	5,256	646,827	5	13	343,013	240,469	63,346	110,015	5	23	15
Quezon	1	1,728,374	257,445	1,470,928	1,026,232	4	7	761,461	169,702	21,225	73,845	767,286	4	8	419,686	343,485	4,116	258,946	3	6	25
Rizal	1	2,674,382	270,292	2,404,090	1,042,526	3	6	594,849	216,542	17,088	214,048	613,556	6	15	303,233	294,465	15,858	428,970	1	1	41
Romblon	3	408,227	211,561	196,666	254,811	9	69	242,929	4,262	575	7,045	271,608	9	64	173,749	90,175	7,684	(16,797)	10	79	(7)
REGION 5		4,149,198	907,258	3,241,940	2,640,641			2,426,411	79,110	30,747	104,373	2,198,703			1,212,734	969,175	16,794	441,938			
Albay	1	1,013,953	192,801	821,152	563,073	2	28	481,538	20,531	7,442	53,563	421,720	2	30	213,994	199,377	8,348	141,353	1	15	25
Camarines Norte	2	683,984	132,989	550,995	344,232	5	58	308,663	12,851	14,146	8,572	297,011	5	58	149,122	142,850	5,039	47,221	4	48	14
Camarines Sur	1	986,408	111,274	875,134	668,263	1	21	625,430	22,508	1,490	18,835	551,233	1	17	305,391	244,921	921	117,030	2	21	18
Catanduanes	3	267,835	79,950	187,885	246,086	6	71	234,701	4,982	540	5,863	240,245	6	67	149,473	90,772	-	5,841	6	74	2
Masbate	2	710,429	231,249	479,180	431,887	3	41	421,207	8,097	1,663	920	322,916	4	51	198,453	124,463	-	108,971	3	25	25
Sorsogon	2	486,589	158,995	327,593	387,101	4	48	354,872	10,142	5,467	16,619	365,578	3	42	196,300	166,792	2,486	21,522	5	65	6
REGION 6		6,792,207	1,676,334	5,115,873	3,232,663			2,750,608	192,727	76,250	213,078	2,870,660			1,406,459	1,447,665	16,536	362,003			
Aklan	2	761,772	131,890	629,883	333,355	5	60	297,995	16,049	8,180	11,131	306,197	5	55	188,592	115,457	2,148	27,159	5	60	8
Antique	2	482,746	126,441	356,305	356,708	4	56	317,461	18,132	11,573	9,541	320,526	4	52	238,758	81,217	551	36,182	3	53	10
Capiz	2	688,138	122,896	565,242	508,863	3	31	377,806	11,772	9,757	109,529	407,566	3	33	207,263	198,318	1,986	101,297	2	27	20
Guimaras	4	295,067	41,385	253,682	177,382	6	76	155,031	6,819	3,870	11,661	154,328	6	75	72,218	79,598	2,512	23,054	6	64	13
Iloilo	1	1,766,527	406,784	1,359,743	854,320	2	10	696,757	110,144	15,406	32,013	712,788	2	10	276,230	431,350	5,208	141,533	1	14	17
Negros Occidental	1	2,797,957	846,938	1,951,019	1,002,035	1	9	905,557	29,811	27,464	39,202	969,256	1	5	423,399	541,726	4,131	32,779	4	57	3
REGION 7		8,622,369	1,278,359	7,344,010	2,845,481			2,187,417	113,680	61,584	482,800	2,200,766			1,084,283	1,114,531	1,952	644,715			
Bohol	1	1,103,163	169,923	933,240	602,133	3	24	550,580	21,019	13,858	16,676	442,378	3	26	268,988	172,011	1,380	159,754	3	10	27
Cebu	1	5,503,220	704,993	4,798,227	1,398,047	1	1	909,378	69,947	19,654	399,069	1,119,390	1	1	428,559	690,808	23	278,658	1	4	20
Negros Oriental	1	1,613,316	343,495	1,269,821	683,814	2	19	583,811	21,279	23,950	54,774	516,479	2	22	301,597	214,492	390	167,335	2	9	24
Siquijor	4	402,670	59,948	342,722	161,487	4	77	143,648	1,435	4,122	12,282	122,518	4	77	85,140	37,220	159	38,968	4	52	24
REGION 8		2,810,984	735,249	2,075,735	2,468,513			2,294,944	62,754	50,479	60,336	2,177,750			1,371,992	779,418	26,340	290,763			
Biliran	4	360,258	57,777	302,481	185,863	6	75	168,601	2,480	3,034	11,748	122,512	6	78	75,684	44,936	1,892	63,351	2	40	34
Eastern Samar	2	172,382	29,882	142,500	357,559	4	55	346,185	3,952	4,158	3,264	306,858	4	54	219,471	87,386	0	50,701	4	46	14
Leyte	1	1,288,917	385,796	903,121	767,691	1	12	699,962	41,822	8,521	17,285	766,489	1	9	423,177	325,843	17,469	1,102	6	76	0
Northern Samar	2	482,689	44,611	438,078	393,909	3	47	371,932	5,384	6,905	9,688	349,419	3	46	254,099	95,320	-	44,489	5	50	11
Samar	2	238,441	98,988	139,453	450,306	2	38	442,383	3,727	379	3,816	373,585	2	39	229,894	143,002	688	76,721	1	35	17
Southern Leyte	3	268,296	118,195	150,102	313,286	5	63	265,881	5,389	27,482	14,535	258,887	5	65	169,666	82,930	6,291	54,399	3	45	17
REGION 9		2,746,563	836,771	1,909,792	1,667,146			1,315,232	19,097	185,942	146,874	1,295,085			429,475	858,628	6,982	372,061			
Zamboanga Del Norte	1	1,358,658	328,538	1,030,120	740,996	1	16	535,754	3,037	169,550	32,655	549,594	1	18	196,697	351,989	909	191,402	1	8	26
Zamboanga Del Sur	1	1,104,969	465,195	639,774	471,653	2	33	444,184	10,173	11,194	6,102	354,875	3	44	104,390	244,442	6,044	116,777	2	22	25
Zamboanga Sibugay	unclass	282,936	43,038	239,898	454,497	3	36	335,295	5,887	5,198	108,117	390,615	2	38	128,388	262,198	29	63,882	3	39	14
REGION 10		3,355,230	651,083	2,704,147	1,684,805			1,448,391	115,337	44,236	76,841	1,469,099			769,629	671,196	28,274	215,706			
Bukidnon	1	1,465,045	231,170	1,233,876	765,086	1	14	649,951	44,845	27,819	42,471	699,637	1	11	258,133	436,480	5,024	65,449	2	38	9
Camiguin	4	251,336	19,338	231,997	150,524	4	78	132,095	2,090	1,040	15,300	125,820	4	76	91,481	33,751	589	24,704	3	63	16
Misamis Occidental	2	613,281	182,383	430,899	324,646	3	61	299,196	6,766	11,358	7,326	303,744	3	56	186,463	117,281	1	20,902	4	67	6
Misamis Oriental	1	1,025,568	218,193	807,375	444,548	2	40	367,149	61,638	4,019	11,743	339,898	2	48	233,553	83,685	22,660	104,650	1	26	24
REGION 11		3,550,173	912,101	2,638,072	2,083,993			1,865,742	84,598	57,553	76,100	1,811,879			802,864	972,208	36,807	272,114			
Compostela Valley	1	887,335	242,765	644,569	424,140	3	42	370,200	19,929	15,347	18,664	324,103	4	50	135,042	182,667	6,394	100,037	1	28	24
Davao Del Norte	1	838,658	196,737	641,921	454,148	2	37	378,984	22,240	27,923	25,000	419,084	1	32	164,455	248,993	5,636	35,063	4	55	8
Davao Del Sur	1	801,481	333,264	468,217	464,472	1	35	422,449	18,343	5,132	18,549	397,785	3	37	194,005	187,248	16,532	66,687	2	37	14
Davao Oriental	2	356,077	114,123	241,954	406,501	4	45	380,064	12,790	8,826	4,820	398,468	2	36	153,123	237,133	8,212	8,033	5	72	2
Saranggani	2	666,622	25,212	641,410	334,733	5	59	314,045	11,295	325	9,067	272,439	5	63	156,239	116,167	32	62,294	3	41	19
REGION 12		4,504,205	1,294,731	3,209,474	1,914,940			1,709,566	89,452	44,106	71,816	1,551,210			747,477	745,331	58,402	363,730			
Lanao Del Norte	2	1,515,159	576,942	938,217	369,142	4	53	327,905	10,883	4,746	25,607	284,126	4	61	129,162	129,721	25,244	85,016	3	31	23
North Cotabato	1	1,273,830	292,443	981,387	661,318	1	22	586,682	24,729	18,277	31,629	520,121	1	21	248,535	253,383	18,203	141,197	1	16	21
South Cotabato	2	965,945	151,961	813,983	467,464	2	34	395,448	42,834	19,784	9,398	341,774	3	47	193,401	143,803	4,770	125,690	2	20	27
Sultan Kudarat	2	749,271	273,385	475,887	417,016	3	43	399,531	11,005	1,299	5,182	405,189	2	34	176,380	218,625	10,185	11,827	4	71	3
REGION 13		2,331,584	609,987	1,721,597	1,715,312			1,499,492	39,212	32,500	144,108	1,560,830			828,570	703,113	29,146	154,482			
Agusan Del Norte	2	495,545	56,286	439,259	369,907	3	52	269,746	12,488	8,921	78,753	300,903	4	57	153,396	144,629	2,878	69,004	1	36	19
Agusan Del Sur	1	941,504	287,059	654,445	582,354	1	25	502,341	11,867	19,585	48,561	525,444	1	20	249,698	261,524	14,223	56,909	2	44	10
Surigao Del Norte	2	569,854	140,314	429,540	358,009	4	54	342,873	5,433	2,753	6,949	330,129	3	49	206,011	121,678	2,440	27,879	3	59	8
Surigao Del Sur	2	324,682	126,329	198,353	405,042	2	46	384,533	9,424	1,241	9,844	404,353	2	35	219,465	175,283	9,606	689	4	77	0
ARMM		2,248,080	421,674	1,826,406	1,966,956			1,914,124	2,985	851	48,997	1,716,579			680,479	1,016,774	19,326	250,377			
Basilan	3	539,996	205,876	334,120	264,500	5	67	249,473	254	816	13,957	216,296	5	69	130,348	79,204	6,744	48,204	2	47	18
Lanao Del Sur	1	949,707	42,172	907,536	605,825	1	23	592,994	494	-	12,338	459,014	2	25	186,585	272,410	18	146,811	1	13	24
Maguindanao	2	376,107	127,930	248,177	506,141	2	32	486,294	1,638	5	18,204	504,270	1	23	193,130	298,627	12,513	1,871	5	75	0
Sulu	3	160,192	17,453	142,739	314,214	3	62	309,101	692	29	4,492	287,833	3	60	100,875	186,930	28	26,382	4	62	8
Tawi-Tawi	4	222,079	28,244	193,834	276,276	4	65	276,262	8	-	7	249,167	4	66	69,541	179,602	24	27,110	3	61	10
GRAND TOTAL		78,004,754	17,868,603	60,136,151	41,212,524			33,827,622	3,116,689	1,059,178	3,209,035	34,422,615			17,471,277	16,444,453	506,885	6,789,909			

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Constitution Hills, Diliman, Quezon City

Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

for The Civil Service Commission Personnel Information Database System

1. The Civil Service Commission has received funds from the E-Government Fund and invites Eligible Bidders for the **development, installation and maintenance of the *Civil Service Personnel Information Database System* and provision for the technical training support** with an approved budget for the contract of approximately PHP70M, inclusive of VAT, and all applicable taxes and duties.
2. The project, estimated to be completed over a period of 12 months, will include the i) Development and installation of the Civil Service Commission Personnel Information Database System (PIDS), including the delivery and installation of the necessary computer software, hardware and accessories, wide area and local area network facilities, and provision for warranty, maintenance services and support for three (3) years, ii) Capture of personnel data of an estimated 1.5 million government civil servants, iii) Provision for Systems Administration and User Training and various technical training on topics ranging from IT project management, database administration, systems analysis and design, Java programming and related topics.
3. Procurement and selection of Consultants shall be conducted using the ***IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT*** and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Act.
4. If you are interested in being considered as eligible bidder, you should submit to us your Letter of Intent (LOI) together with your application for eligibility at the address indicated below no later than October 4, 2004, 5:00 PM. A guide to the preparation of documents for eligibility is available upon request at the e-mail address also indicated below.
5. Bidders who pass the eligibility requirements shall be subject to short listing and **only those short listed may participate in the actual bidding.** They shall be notified accordingly.
6. The short listed bidders may then secure the Bidding Documents at the address below starting October 5, 2004 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM upon submission of a written application and payment of a non-refundable fee of PHP 20,000.00.
7. The short listed bidders shall be invited to attend the Pre-Bid Conference on October 25, 2004 at 10:00AM at the Function Room A, 2nd Floor of the Civil Service Commission Office, Constitution Hills, Diliman, Quezon City.
8. All queries on the bidding documents shall be made in writing and sent to the address below no later than October 27, 2004.
9. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security payable to the Civil Service Commission subject to Sections 27 and 28 of the IRR of RA 9184.
10. Deadline for the submission of bids is on November 5, 2004 at 5:00 PM at the address below. Bids received after the scheduled time will not be accepted/entertained and will be returned unopened.
11. Opening of technical proposals is on November 8, 2004 at 10:00 AM at the Function Room A, 2nd Floor of the Civil Service Commission Office, Constitution Hills, Diliman, Quezon City, while opening of financial proposals is on November 29, 2004 at 10:00 AM in the same address. Technical proposals shall be evaluated using the Quality Cost Based system.
12. The address for submissions of LOI and Application for Eligibility, Bids (Technical and Financial Proposals) and queries on the bidding documents is:

    Assistant Commissioner Elmer R. Bartolata
    Project Manager, Office for Planning and
    Administration Civil Service Commission
    Constitution Hills, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
    Telephone: (063) 9317931; Fax: (063) 9317931
    E-mail: erbartolata@csc.gov.ph; Copy to: shallaine@csc.gov.ph, cbalboa@csc.gov.ph; Subject: CSC-PIDS
13. The Civil Service Commission reserves the right to waive any formality in the responses to the eligibility requirements and to this invitation. The Civil Service Commission further reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or declare a failure of bidding, and to award the contract to the bidder whose bid is most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd) **Assistant Commissioner ELMER R. BARTOLATA**
Chairman, Special Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI - Sept. 13 & 20, 2004)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agrarian Reform
AGRARIAN REFORM COMMUNITIES PROJECT
OFFICE OF THE BAC CHAIRMAN
Sinlaca ARC, Municipality of San Juan, La Union
Tel No 072-242-56-50
Contact Person Novie Vergara

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

1 The Government of the Philippines through the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of Agrarian Reform Communities Project (ARCP) It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for Rural Infrastructure Component for which this Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid is issued

2 The Municipality of San Juan, La Union as implementing partner of the DAR for ARCP, invites contractors classified and registered with the Philippine Contractor's Accreditation Board (PCAB) for similar contracts as **Medium A or higher** to apply for eligibility and to bid for

Name of Project : **CONCRETING/ROAD OPENING & INPUT OF TALOGTOG FARM TO MARKET ROAD**
Approved Budget for Contract : **Php6,454,614.44 (DC+CP+tax)**
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No. of Units	Description	Capacity
2	Road Grader	125-150 Hp
2	Vibratory Road Roller	10 tons at least
1	D4 Bulldozer	
1	Payloader	
8	Dump Truck	8 cu m
2	Water Truck	800-1000 gal capacity
1	Backhoe	1 cu m.
2	1-Bagger Concrete Mixer	100 bags/day
1	Bar Cutter	
2	Concrete Vibrator (rod)	
1	Bar Bender	
1	Chain Block	10 tons
1	Service Vehicle	

Deadline for the submission of	Date
Letter of Intent and Eligibility Requirements	September 24, 2004
Issuance of Bidding Documents	September 13 to October 1, 2004
Pre-Bid Conference	October 6, 2004 at 10:00 AM
Submission & Opening of Bids	October 21, 2004 at 10:00 AM

3. Prospective bidders should secure and fill up the Information Sheets from the BAC Secretariat. Eligibility requirements, in sealed envelopes, properly bound, with all contents numbered consecutively and signed by the prospective bidder or his duly authorized representative must be submitted to: The BAC Chairman, Municipal Town Hall, San Juan, La Union
4. Unless otherwise indicated in the instruction to bidders or other bidding and contract documents, all particulars relative to the procurement and contract implementation shall be governed by RA 9184 and its IRR-A.
5 Bid documents will be issued to eligible bidders at Office of the Bids and Awards Committee, Municipal Town Hall, San Juan, La Union upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Php5,000.00
6 The implementing agency reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any minor defect therein and accept the other most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) BAC Chairman

(PDI-Sept. 13 & 20, 2004)

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Region Office 10
Baloy, Cagayan de Oro City

NOTICE OF AUCTION OF RAW SUGAR "B" STOCKS

The National Food Authority, Regional Office 10, Baloy, Cagayan de Oro City invites all interested licensed sugar traders, industrial users and other interested buyers to participate and tender offers in the auction for the whole lot of 138,046.53 Lkg. Raw Sugar "B" or Domestic Sugar located at the following sugar mill:

LOT	PROVINCE	SUGAR MILL	QUANTITY (in Lkg)	INDICATIVE PRICE (P/Lkg)
1	Bukidnon	Busco Milling Corporation	138,046.53	P770.00, Net of Liens ex-mill

The sale shall be for the total volume ex-mill on an "as-is-where-is" and no selection basis.

All interested offerors are required to post a Bid Bond equivalent to 10% of the total amount offered in the form of Cash / Manager's Check or PNB Demand Draft payable to NFA.

Only prospective bidders who have submitted the following requirements to the Regional Bids and Awards Committee (RBAC) prior to Auction proper are qualified to participate.

1. Original and one (1) certified photocopy of Sugar Trading License / DTI Registration / Mayor's Permit.
2. Original and one (1) certified photocopy of SEC / CDA Registration for partnership/ cooperative.
3. Duly notarized Special Power of Attorney from the sole proprietor or Board Resolution from the secretary/chairman certifying that the representative is presently connected with the entity as an official/employee/stockholder and is authorized to represent the same in the Auction and all activities pertinent therein.

The auction shall be conducted at the NFA-10 Regional Office Conference Room, Baloy, Cagayan de Oro City on the following schedule:

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME
Submission of Requirements	Sept. 17, 2004	8:30 – 10:00 A.M.
Pre-Auction Conference	Sept. 17, 2004	10:00 A.M.

Auction Proper will follow after the Pre-Auction Conference.

The auction terms and conditions and tender forms can be secured from the RBAC Secretariat at NFA-10, Regional Office, Baloy, Cagayan de Oro City, after payment of a non-refundable bidding fee of P500.00.

The NFA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any defects or informalities found therein and accept only such bids which in its judgment are deemed most reasonable and advantageous to the NFA.

For more details, please contact the RBAC Secretariat Head, Ms. Emma P. Asiñero at Telephone Nos (088-22) - 732215 and (088) – 8552721.

(Sgd.) CAMILO D. MAGTRAYO
Asst. Regional Director /
RBAC-NORMIN CHAIRMAN

(PDI - September 10 & 13, 2004)

TransCo
National Transmission Corporation

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Date: September 3, 2004
Contract No. Sp04.ORSS. Vss-0025

1. Contract Name : **Supply and Delivery of 150 MVA, 230/138 kV Power Transformer and Accessories for Ormoc Substation**
2. The contract to be performed by the successful bidder shall consist of supply and delivery of 150MVA , 230/138kV Power Transformer and Accessories to be delivered in Ormoc Substation.
3. The Approved Budget for the Contract to be bid from the Internal Cash Generation of Transco is P 79,024,491.00
4. Application for Eligibility is open to Filipino and Foreign manufacturers, suppliers/ dealers, distributors who have the legal, technical and financial requisites of the contract to be bid.
5. Foreign bidders who wish to participate in the procurement of goods must prove that their respective countries of origin grant reciprocal rights to Filipino citizens with respect to procurement of goods by its government in compliance with RA No. 5183.
6. Application for Eligibility shall be evaluated using "PASS/FAIL" criteria and only Eligible Bidders shall be included by TransCo in the bidding. All bids equal to or lower than the Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid shall be evaluated based on the responsiveness of the supplier's offer to the contract under bidding subject to Post qualification before an award is made. Bid Prices submitted higher than the Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid shall be rejected and returned outright.
7. Eligibility & Bid Documents will be available for issuance on **September 6, 2004** at the Bids and Contract Management Department , Ground Floor, Power Center, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City 1104, Telefax No. 921-23-08 upon presentation of letter of intent and a payment of non-refundable fee of P10,000.00.
8. Deadline for submission of duly accomplished Application for Eligibility Forms, statements and Bid Proposals (Technical and Price) shall be on **October 18, 2004**, 1:30 P.M. at the De La Paz Function Room, Training Center, Power Center, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road TransCo, Diliman, Quezon City, Metro Manila.

   Pre-Bid Conference shall be on **September 29, 2004** at the time and venue to be announced later.
9. Manufacturers, suppliers/dealers, distributors not yet included in the TransCo's List of registered Suppliers/Contractors, who wish to participate in the public bidding, in order to facilitate eligibility check/screening are requested to register with the registration office mentioned above by submitting the following basic requirements , duly notarized, which should be maintained current and updated at least once a year A certificate of Registration will be issued to suppliers/contractors upon approval.
   - Department of Trade & Industry (DTI) business name registration or Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) registration certificate, as appropriate;
   - Mayor's permit and/or municipal license for the current year;
   - Coy of Taxpayer's identification Number (TIN) issued by BIR or Copy of BIR registration showing TIN;
   - Notarized statement of the prospective bidder that is not "blacklisted" or barred from bidding by any government agency, office or corporation;
   - Audited financial statements, stamped "received" by the BIR or its duly accredited and authorized institutions, for the immediately preceding calendar year, showing, among others, the prospective bidder's total and current assets and liabilities inclusive of Income Tax Return and Receipt;

   For foreign bidders, the required documents applicable to entities doing business in the Philippines shall be substituted by the appropriate equivalent documents issued by foreign bidder's country, which documents shall be duly acknowledged and/or authenticated by the Philippine Consulate thereat.

   Note : Prospective bidders are allowed to submit the above requirements together with their Eligibility Forms and Documents during the deadline for the submission of Eligibility requirements and Bid proposals (Technical and Price)
10. TransCo reserves the right to reject any application for Eligibility or all bids without offering any reason, waived any required formality therein, and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.
11. The Contract to be bid shall be governed by the Provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules & Regulations
12. Additional information shall be furnished upon request. All communications should be addressed to the undersigned at the aforementioned address.

(Sgd.) DOMINADOR S. GEONZON
Chairman
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CAMP JOHN HAY
GOLF CLUB

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Dear CAMP JOHN HAY GOLF CLUB MEMBERS:

Please be advised that the Annual Membership Meeting of Camp John Hay Golf Club, Inc. scheduled on **17 September 2004** has been postponed to such a date to be announced by the Board later as the Club wants to include in the agenda items necessary for compliance with Code of Good Corporate Governance.

Makati City, Metro Manila, September 2, 2004

MA. ROMELA M. BENGZON
Corporate Secretary

(PDI – Sept. 6 & 13, 2004)

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Surigao del Sur
City of Bislig

Loan Agreement #PH-P200
September 3, 2004

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Republic of the Philippines, through the Department of Education, has received an Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) in the amount of P1,749 Million (Y7,210 Million) towards the financing of the **Secondary Education Development and Improvement Project (SEDIP)** dated December 28, 1999 It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments for the new construction of school buildings. In view hereof, the Local Government Unit (LGU) of the City of Bislig as implementor, hereinafter called the Agency, wishes to receive bids for the new construction of:

Four (4) storey 6-classroom building with library in Tabon M. Estrella NHS located at Barangay Tabon, Bislig City, Province of Surigao del Sur .

Scope of works involved for the above-cited project are earthworks, rock excavation works, concreting works, steel works, carpentry works, roofing works, stairs and fire exit, plastering and finishing works, painting, electrical works and all other related activities to make the building effective and functional.

Disbursement of the ODA loan by JBIC will be subject to the terms and conditions of theLoan Agreement, including the disbursement procedures and the "Guidelines for Procurement under "JBIC ODA Loans" in conjunction with applicable provisions of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR-A) of the RA 9184

Bidding is open to all Philippine Conractors Accreditation Board (PCAB)-registered contractors or joint venture contractors with PCAB License, at least Medium A Classification on building and must meet all the qualifying/eligibility requirements stipulated in the Instructions to Bidders.

Prospective bidders may obtain complete information about the project upon submission of a Letter of Intent. All communications should be addressed to:

The Chairman
Bids and Awards Committee
City Hall Compound, Bislig City
Surigao del Sur
Tel. Nos. (086) 853-5469, (086) 853-2452 & (086) 853-3068

The schedule of activities for the above project is indicated below

Particulars	Date/Time	Place
1) Application and Issuance of Eligibility Forms (Upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P200.00)	- 9-14-04 to 5:00 PM of 9-27-04	BAC – Secretariat CPDO, City Hall
2) Deadline for submission of Letter of Intent and duly accomplished Application for Eligibility	- 5:00 PM of 10-4-04	BAC – Secretariat CPDO, City Hall
3) Issuance of Bid Documents to Eligible Bidders (Upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P5,000.00)	- October 11-15, 2004	BAC-Secretariat CPDO, City Hall
4) Pre-Bid Conference	October 24, 2004 2:00 PM	City Eng'g Office City Hall, Bislig
5) Opening of Bids	- November 9, 2004 2:00 PM	City Eng'g Office City Hall, Bislig

The BAC reserves the right to reject any Application for Eligibility or all bids, declare a failure of bidding or not to award the contract, if among others, there is evidence of collusion, including any act which restricts, suppresses or defeats competition, waive any required formality therein, and to make an award to the Bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government. The BAC also assumes no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidder (s) for any expense or loss that they may incur in the preparation of its bids.

(Sgd) FELIPE P. SABALDAN, JR.
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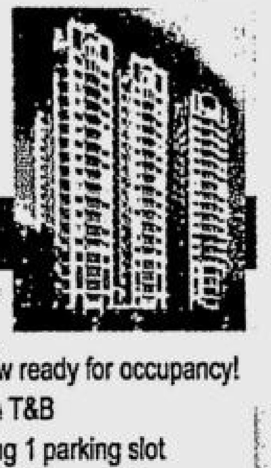

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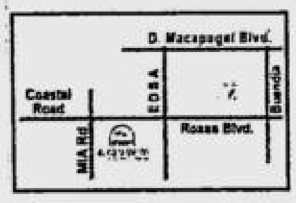

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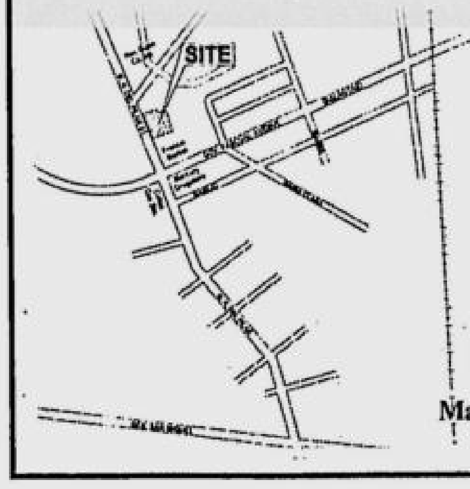

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September 13, 2003

We would like to thank all of you who have mourned with us in time of our bereavement.

Holy Mass will be offered at 8 PM at 7693 Hemlock St., Marcelo Green Village, Parañaque City.

Anita Pablo Montermoso

(Wife of the late **Juan C. Montermoso**)

Died peacefully in the Grace of Our Lord at the age of 85.

Her bereaved son **Juan Pablo Montermoso** and his wife **Susana Ramos**; grandson **Juan Antonio** and his wife **Hien Tran**; granddaughter **Kara Noelle** and other relatives request your prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Capilla dela Virgen, Santuario de San Antonio Parish, Forbes Park, Makati.

Interment will take place at Santuario de San Antonio on Wednesday, September 15, 2004. Time will be announced later.

JUANITA CUSTODIA YASAY

of Santa, Ilocos Sur & Alabang, Muntinlupa City

November 3, 1920 – September 9, 2004

Loving husband, **Manuel**; devoted children **Nandy & Agnes Hilao, Hilda & Fred Vistal, Vangie & Elmer Carlos, Gerry & Evelyn Quiocho, Eva-Rose & Rome Austrial, Boyet & Amy Acuna**; adoring grandchildren **Brian, Carmela, Geevee, Vince, Erica, Daryl, Aldean, Jamille, Vynee, Dave & Kyle**; relatives and friends request the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Agoncillo Chapel, La Funeraria Paz-Sucat (inside Manila Memorial Park) Parañaque City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, September 15, 2004 at Manila Memorial Park, Parañaque City after the 10:00 a.m. Mass & Last Rites.

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his life
will
lose it,
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In Loving Memory

On the Third Death Anniversary of

Ma. Teresa (Bobbi) Espino Blankenhorn

June 8, 1951 – September 13, 2001

Her husband **Ron**; daughter **Rhoni**; parents **Gen.** (†) and **Mrs. Romeo C. Espino**; brothers and sisters **Leslie and Diana, Ralph and Cristina, Ricardo and Maribelle, Helene and Tito**; nieces **Monica** and husband **Michael, Adelaide, Nikki** and husband **Giancarlo**; nephews **Richard, Paolo** and **Julian** request relatives, friends and the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for her today, September 13, 2004 at:

St. Denis Parish, Menlo Park, California	8:00 a.m.
Mary the Queen Parish, Greenhills, San Juan	6:00 p.m.
St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori Parish, Magallanes Village, Makati	6:00 p.m.
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(Sgd.) **ATTY. NOWEH MECA E. PACAMALAN**
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Hacker finds open Wi-Fi networks in Manila

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DRIVING through the central business district of Makati all the way to Malate in Manila, a German whitehat hacker discovered that only 15 of the 66 wireless access points or wireless local area networks located in these two areas were "encrypted."

"The encryption levels of these access points were not even secure," said the German whitehat hacker known as Van Hauser.

Van Hauser was in Manila as one of the experts invited to the third annual Philippine Information Technology Security Conference.

Showing the lack of security in the wireless local area networks (WLAN) of corporate firms in the Philippines, Van Hauser disclosed that the "wardriving" he conducted from Makati to Malate easily identified WLANs that were open to anyone armed with a laptop and software who wanted to detect wireless-fidelity (Wi-Fi) hotspots.

Wardriving is the process of scanning for wireless access points while driving by certain areas known to have such WLANs, said Van Hauser.

Van Hauser said malicious hackers can use open WLANs to launch attacks. But in cases where open WLANs are connected to other networks, hackers would likely access these networks and do more damage.

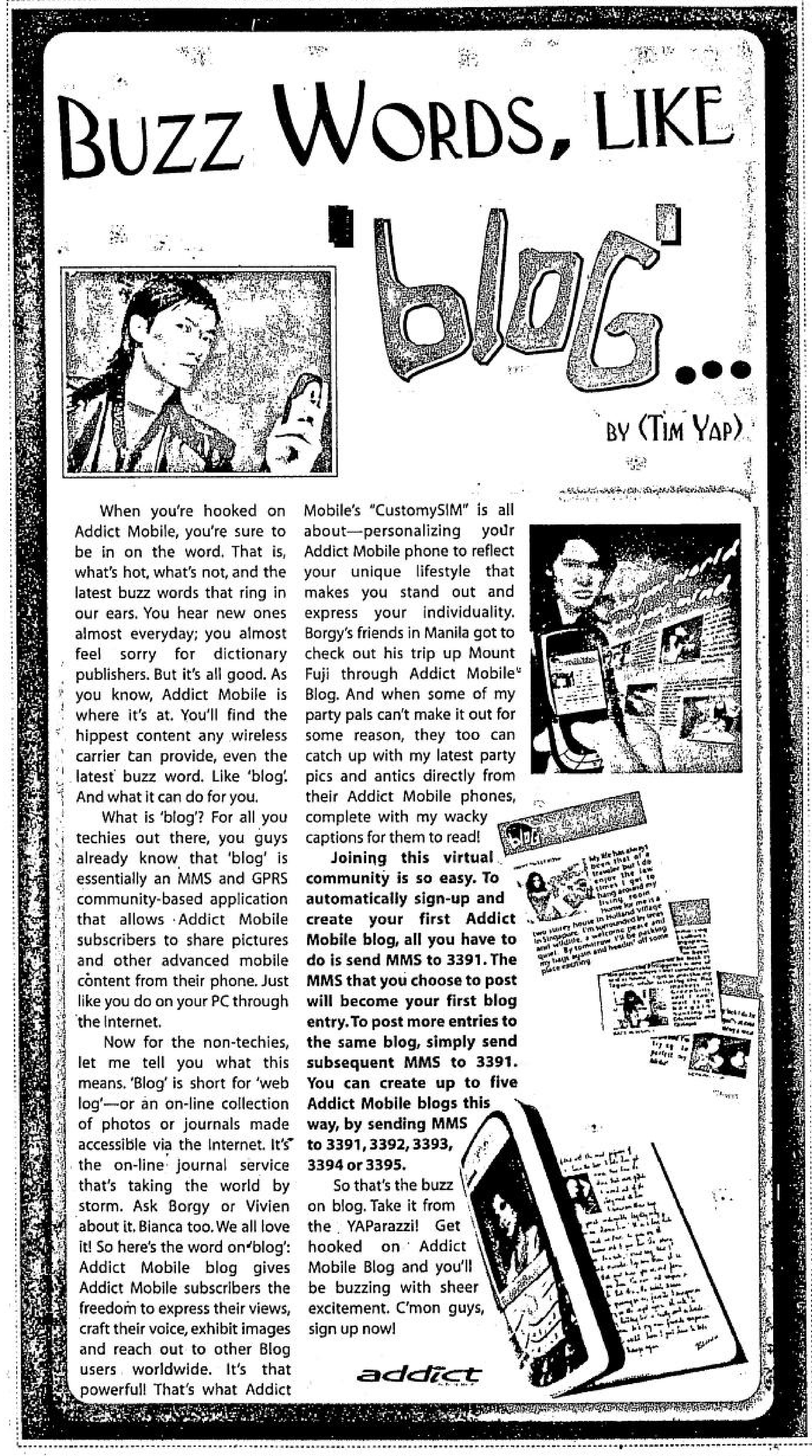
"If it is connected to other networks, then it becomes more interesting for hackers," said Van Hauser.

In his wardriving exercise, Van Hauser was able to detect the "open" WLANs of prominent firms located in Makati. He, however, declined to name these companies.

"Wardriving is not hacking. I was just scanning for access points in a certain area," he stressed.

Wardriving, however, is now being used by malicious hackers to locate public access points to launch attacks.

Van Hauser, 29, has been doing ethical hacking for various high-profile companies in Germany. He also works part time for Suse Linux.



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BY (TIM YAP)

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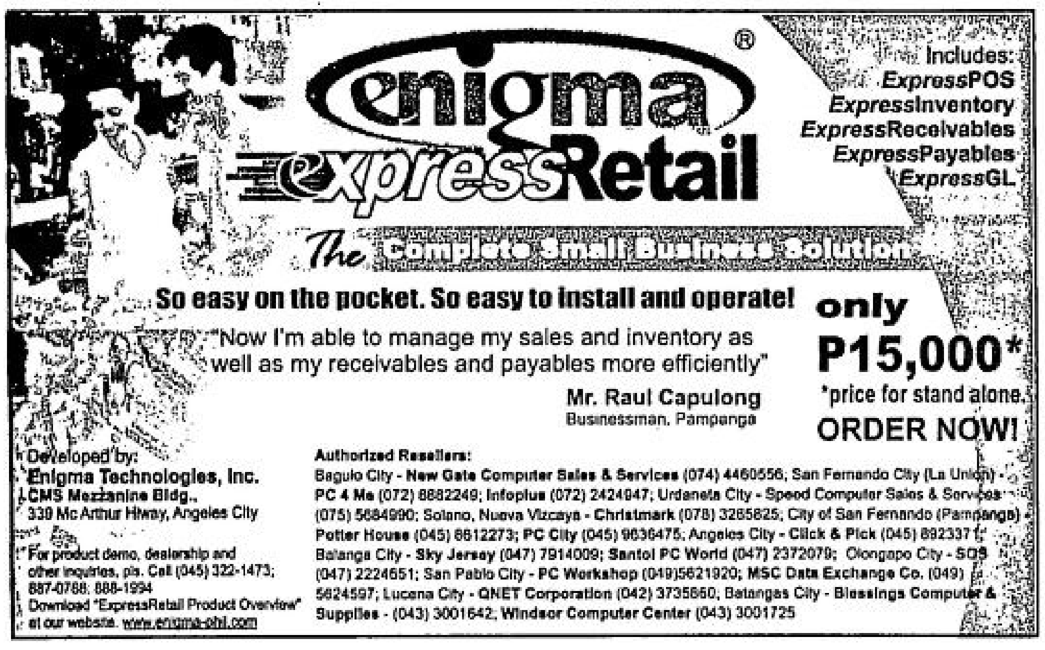

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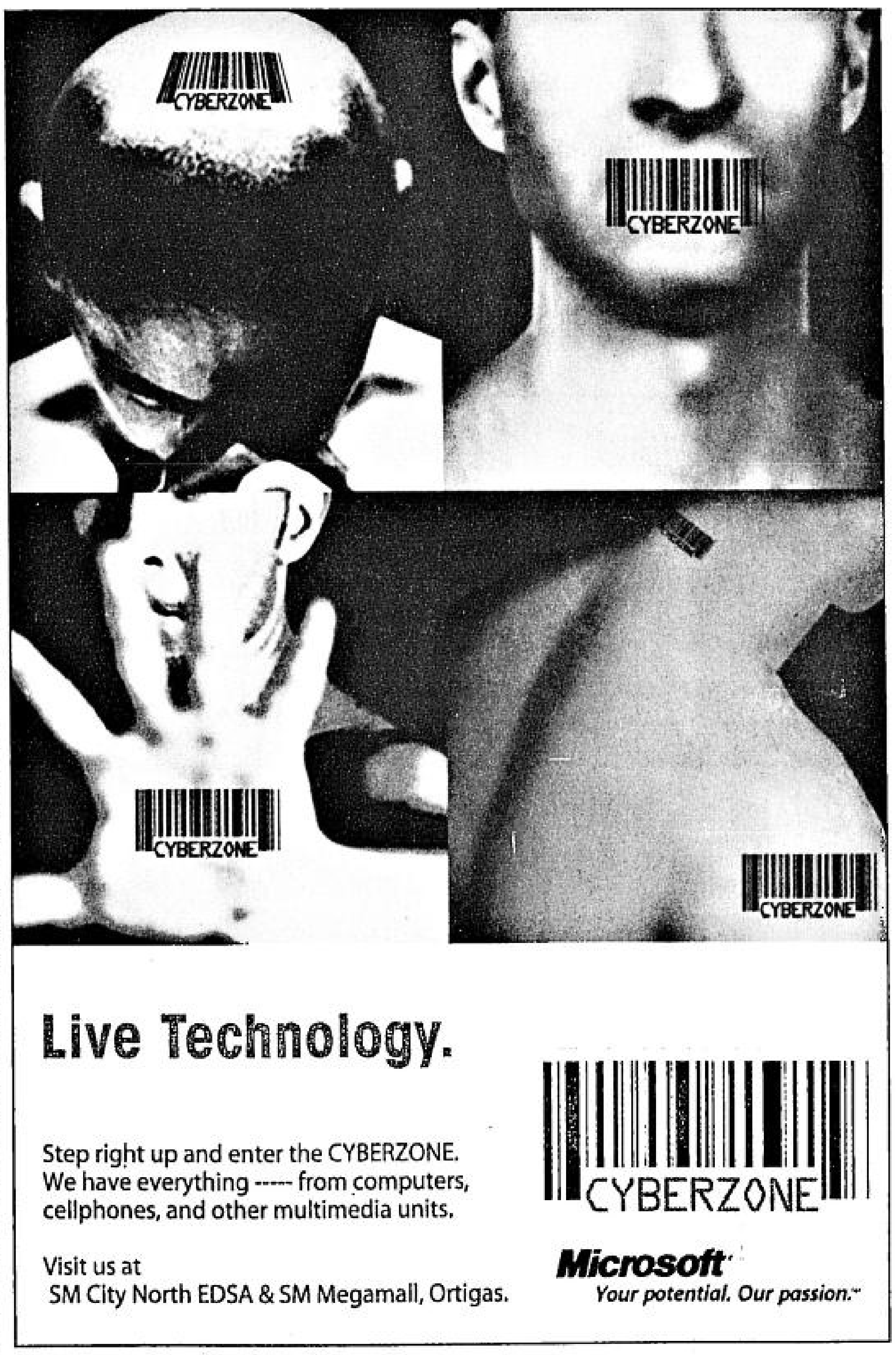

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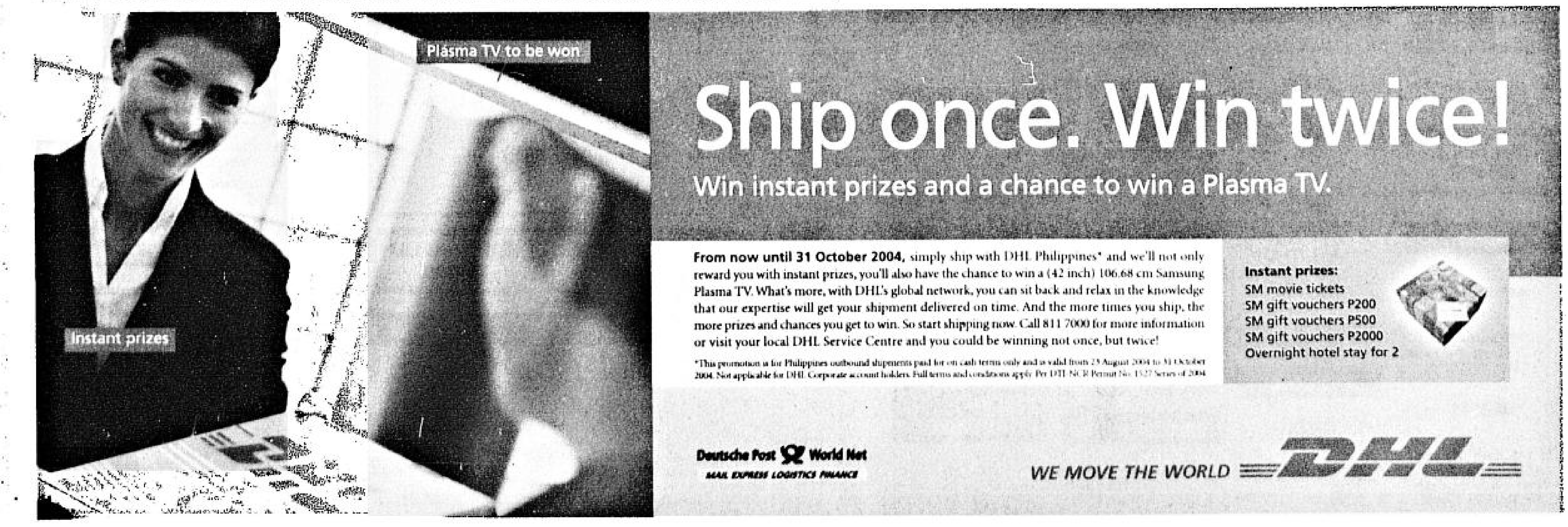

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WILL IT GO THE WAY OF THE TITANIC

Leaks in the ship called the Philippines

By Dennis M. Arroyo
Contributor

TO UNDERSTAND the fiscal crisis, think of the Philippines as a ship, which has sprung a great many fund leaks. If these aren't patched soon, the vessel may go the way of the Titanic.

Here's a review, based largely on the hot paper by the economists from the University of the Philippines.

State corporations

One major leak comes from government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs).

These state firms are in trouble because they did not set their prices at realistic levels. They were charging too little for power rates, light rail fares and highway tolls.

So the government steps in and pays for their liabilities—a huge sum equivalent to 3 percent of the gross domestic product.

Fortunately, the state is taking action on this.

The government now plans to scrap the sovereign guarantees on GOCC papers. Rep. Joey Salceda is filing a bill to require Congress scrutiny of GOCC budgets. Meralco has also started to hike its rates.

Investor perks

Another gaping leak comes from the perks given to investors.

In 2003, the government lost P229.4 billion in potential revenue due to these tax and duty exemptions. The lost revenue was greater than the deficit of P199.9 billion.

The state must rationalize the tax incentives. There are 124 laws granting the investment perks. They should be consolidated into one law for new investors.

But do not take back those already granted to previous investors.

Much has been written about the leaks due to pork barrel.

Suffice it to say that senators and representatives have agreed to large cuts in their pork.

'Sin' products

Specific taxes on "sin products" (tobacco and alcohol) have not been adjusted for inflation since 1997.

Congress must pass the long-pending bill to make the adjustment and to index it automatically to inflation.

Further, higher-priced cigarettes are sometimes packaged as lower-priced so as to be slapped lower taxes. The authorities must check the under-declaration of cigarette volumes.

Use "fuson" stamps on cigarettes, which check on price and volume.

Cars and fuel

Specific taxes on petroleum have not been adjusted for inflation since 1997. An additional P2 excise tax on petroleum would remedy this.

However, the UP economists say that this should be done in the future when world oil prices are no longer abnormally high.

The new tax should not be imposed on petroleum used for power generation. The tax should replace the not-yet-implemented executive order that hikes tariffs on oil imports by 2 percent.

Taxes on motor vehicles were cut due to industry lobbying, so huge revenues were lost. In the past, the government was willing to tax cars 15 percent and to tax luxury large-displacement vehicles 50 to 100 percent. The minimum tax on new vehicles was cut down to only 2 percent. It should be hiked to 10 percent.

Self-employed professionals

Another leak springs from the professionals. For every P1 tax collected from fixed income earners, only 10 centavos is collected from self-employed professionals. The latter can simply under-declare their income.

The solution for this is the concept of presumptive income levels for professionals. These are official estimates of minimum income levels, as proposed Milwida Guevara, former finance undersecretary.

The concept is applied in many countries.

Lobbying led to VAT exemptions given to doctors, lawyers and show business professionals. These exemptions must be cancelled.

Banks' discretion

The banks also enjoy too much discretion.

The state has to rely on the banks' self-declaration on (1) loans subject to the gross receipts tax, (2) the final tax withheld on inter-

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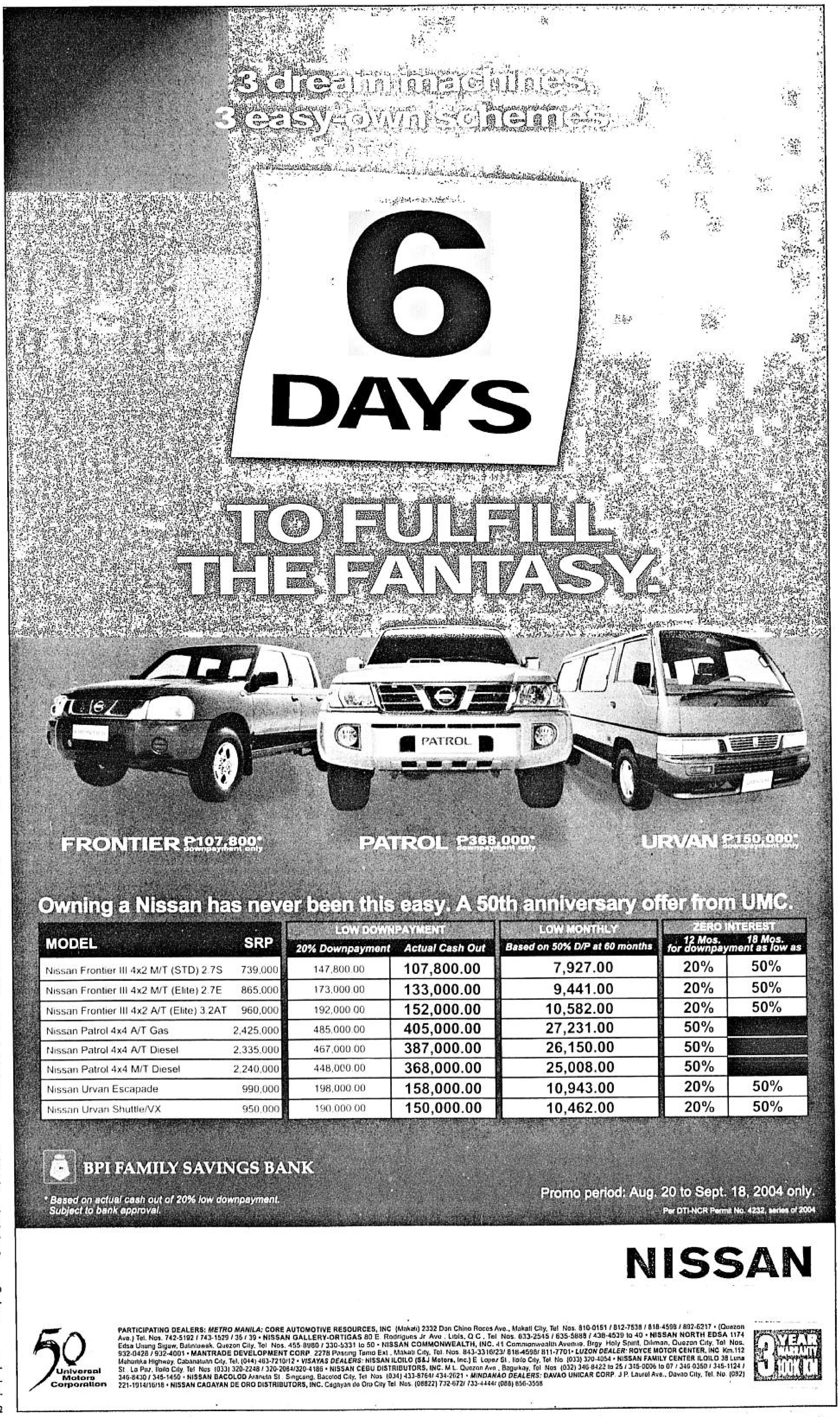
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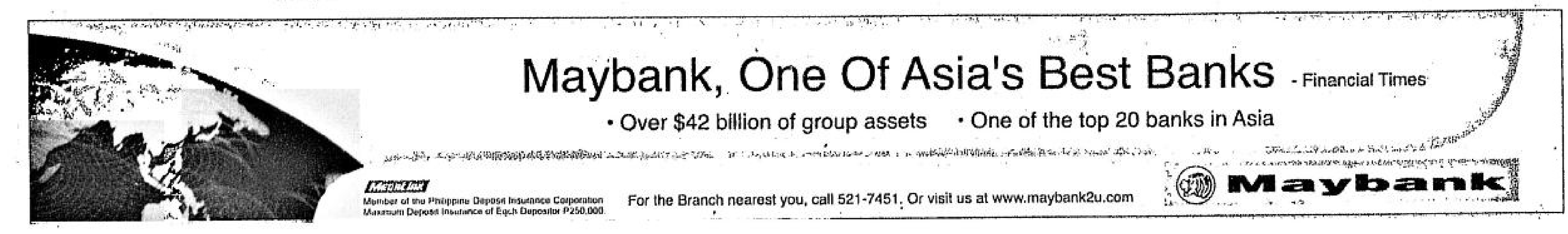

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Pork barrel and the IRA: Another view

MAPping THE FUTURE

By Dr. Niceto S. Poblador

IN A recent position paper on the current fiscal crisis, my colleagues at the UP School of Economics came up with a list of proposals for downsizing the county's huge fiscal deficit. Among these are reducing the Internal Revenue Allotments (IRA) to local governments to 40 percent of their current levels and cutting down the pork barrel allocations (PBA) to members of Congress by half.

In this brief article, I will dwell on these two items not for their relevance to our current fiscal crisis but for their implications on public-sector governance.

In an article which I published a couple of years back ("Devolution and Public Sector Governance," Phil. Jour. of Public Adm., July-Oct. 2000), I argued against a policy of devolution of public services to local government units. One of my major premises was that devolution as public policy has little chances of success in developing societies like ours. In arguing my case, I wrote:

"In most less developed countries, social, economic and political institutions are at their early stages of development and are as yet unable to function efficiently. Communities are effectively isolated from one another, and development efforts exerted in any one of them have little spillover effects on the others. Local communities differ in their levels of economic and social well-being ... and in their ability to manage their own resources.

Because local communities have different needs and capabilities, I argued that they must be treated differentially, with more public resources made available to those whose needs are more pressing and where local officials have greater capabilities in handling their own affairs.

However, in insisting on greater equity in the allocation of public funds, we typically require an equi-proportional (in relation to population) if not indeed an equal allocation of public funds among the local political units. This approach leads to a non-optimal allocation of government resources. Yet, this is precisely what happens with the pork barrel system of funds disbursement to local communities and the IRA provision of the Local Government Code!

Consider the IRA. This provision of the Local Government Code prescribes that 40 percent of tax revenue collections should be retained by the local government units. By this formula, relatively well-endowed cities like Urdaneta will get a much larger allocation (in terms of totals and on a per capita basis) compared to impoverished communities such as Borongan, Samar. As a result, Urdaneta can afford to build a luxurious city hall right in the middle of flood-prone rice paddies while Borongan goes begging for basic public services.

In my paper, I cited the following additional reasons why we should go easy in decentralizing government functions: (1) corruption at the local level; (2) managerial incompetence of local administrators; (3) the penchant of local politicians for showcase projects; and (4) economic wastage and inefficiencies arising mainly from failure to factor positive and negative external effects (i.e., economic advantages and disadvantages to other localities and to society as a whole) into community cost and benefit calculations. (My article can be downloaded from this website:
http://nick.poblador.us.)

The usual arguments put forward in favor of PBA and IRA are (a) local citizens and their administrators know best what their community needs are, and (b) local officials are more accountable to the people who put them in office. A lot of hogwash, if you ask me.

On the back of space constraints, I shall briefly focus on (b) for you to know where I'm coming from.

The relationship between local citizens and their elected officials is a classic example of the principal-agent problem in economic theory. As in business firms, the principals (in this case, the local citizens) and their agents (elected representatives—congressmen, mayors, barangay captains, etc) typically pursue different and often conflicting interests. In the corporate world, hired managers pursue their employer's profit goals only to the extent that doing so will enhance their own income objectives. Their conflicting interests are somehow coaligned through the effective enforcement of employment contracts and through a number of control and monitoring mechanisms. There are no such employment contracts nor control and monitoring mechanisms in the public sector. For example, there is no such thing as a board of directors representing the electorate to look over the shoulders of local administrators and elected representative in Congress. These officials can therefor pursue their selfish interests with impunity. To assume that politicians are genuinely concerned with and work for the wellbeing of their constituents is sheer folly and silly naivete.

Politicians pursue their own personal goals by catering to the needs not of the electorate, but of certain power brokers within the body politic whose own interests are at best suspect. It is this insidious but mutually beneficial collusion between self-serving politicians and their supporters who can deliver the votes (or the funds needed to solicit votes) that ultimately disenfranchises the citizens from what is theoretically due them. Entrusting local officials with pork barrel funds and a sizeable portion of tax receipts is therefore self-defeating.

If only for these reasons, both the pork and the IRA must go!

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Firm retools for dominance

MABILOG

NOTWITHSTANDING the continuous downturn of the economy and President Macapagal-Arroyo's recent pronouncement about the need to address the country's worsening fiscal and debt problems, many Filipinos still go into calculated spending especially when it comes to the purchase of both necessities and big-ticket items.

Those who intend to purchase motor vehicles will always consider their affordability and quality before finally deciding on what kind of luxury vehicle or car to buy.

Given this scenario, the advice given to prospective car buyers by newly appointed Columbian Autocar Corp. (CAC) executive vice president and chief operating officer Felix J. Mabilog Jr. is "not to go for any particular brand but instead opt for vehicles that can deliver the same functional convenience, safety and dependability but are more reasonably priced compared to other brands. In other words, people need to be practical nowadays, especially with the ever rising cost of fuel and other basic commodities."

Just recently, CAC, the exclusive manufacturer and distributor of KIA vehicles in the country, formed its corporate revival team primarily to ensure a well-planned, synchronized and efficient implementation of its short-term and long-term business programs.

"Our core group composed of key executives, as well as, marketing, production and finance specialists, will work closely on a daily basis and monitor each and every component of the operations from ordering, allocation of units, invoicing and collection to the required marketing and after-sales support to ensure that targets are satisfactorily met," Mabilog explained. However, he pointed out that the bottom line is to be able to convince the market that buyers of KIA vehicles will always turn out to be winners.

"Maybe our main drawback is that many Filipinos still have some misconceptions about Korean products and do not realize that the quality of many Korean brands now are as good if not better than their Japanese counterparts. Also, the philosophy of Filipino car buyers differs from that of most Americans and Europeans who buy cars for the primary purpose of transport and convenience and who choose their cars based on functionality, safety and price, regardless of the brand. Many Filipinos still get attracted to the size, looks, and luxurious amenities of popularly advertised brands. They ultimately end up paying more for the brand rather than for the more important qualities of a car.

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Mabilog also disclosed the advantages of KIA specifically the experience of its people from the level of management down to the technical people in all areas of operations like assembly, finance and marketing. The CAC head honcho himself has 32 years of experience in the automobile industry—15 years with Volkswagen, five with Mitsubishi and 12 with KIA, Mazda and BMW.

The principal objective of the KIA business revival plan is to reestablish KIA as one of the dominant brands in the local automotive industry.

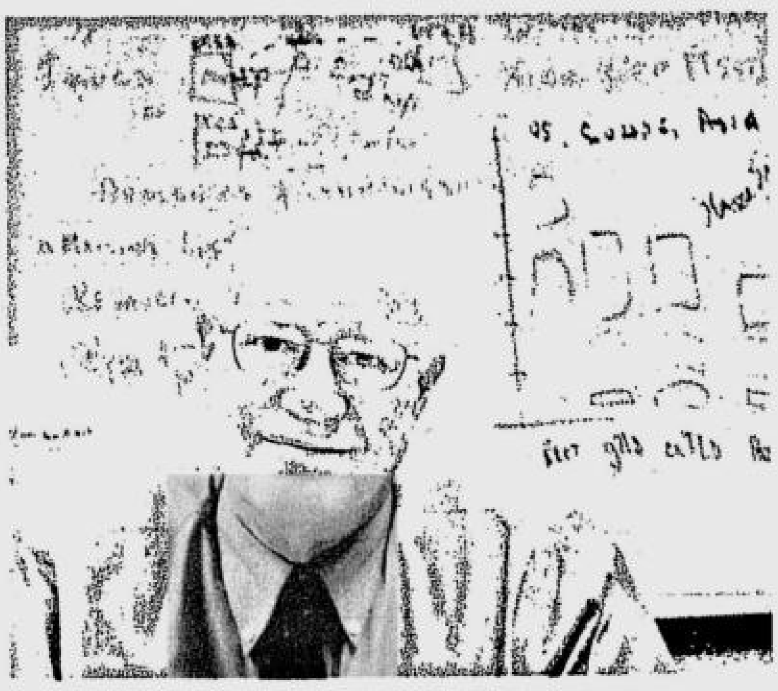
It intends to accomplish this with the introduction of KIA's exciting models like Picanto which is currently taking Europe by storm, and improved but modestly priced models of the Pregio, Sedona and Sorento to expand market opportunities beyond current limits. Also part of the program is to start CKD (completely knocked down vehicles) production of the Picanto by 2006.

After 35 years, the Internet remains a work in progress

NEW YORK—Thirty-five years after computer scientists at UCLA linked two bulky computers using a 15-foot gray cable, testing a new way for exchanging data over networks, what would ultimately become the Internet remains a work in progress.

University researchers are experimenting with ways to increase its capacity and speed. Programmers are trying to imbue Web pages with intelligence. And work is underway to re-engineer the network to reduce spam and security troubles.

All the while threats loom: Critics warn that commercial, legal and political pressures could hinder the types of innovations that made the Internet what it is today.



STEVE Crocker poses inside his company Shrinkuro Inc. in Washington. Crocker was a graduate student at UCLA in the computer lab when the first network connection was made in what has become the Internet. AP

Worldwide Web

Stephen Crocker and Vinton Cerf were among the graduate students who joined UCLA professor Len Kleinrock in an engineering lab on Sept. 2, 1969, as bits of meaningless test data flowed silently between the two computers. By January, three other "nodes" joined the fledgling network.

Then came e-mail a few years later, a core communications protocol called TCP/IP in the late '70s, the domain name system in the '80s and the World Wide Web—now the second most popular application behind e-mail—in 1990.

The Internet expanded beyond its initial military and educational domain into businesses and homes around the world.

Today, Crocker continues work on the Internet, designing better tools for collaboration. And as security chair for the Internet's key oversight body, he is trying to defend the core addressing system from outside threats, including an attempt last year by a private search engine to grab Web surfers who mistype addresses.

He acknowledges the Internet he helped build is far from finished, and changes are in store to meet growing demands for multimedia. Network providers now make only "best efforts" at delivering data packets, and Crocker said better guarantees are needed to prevent the skips and stutters now common with video.

Cerf, now at MCI Inc., said he wished he could have designed the Internet with security built-in. Microsoft Corp., Yahoo Inc. and America Online Inc., among others, are currently trying to retrofit the network so e-mail senders can be authenticated—a way to cut down on junk messages sent using spoofed addresses.

Among Cerf's other projects: a next-generation numbering system called IPv6 to accommodate the ever-growing armies of Internet-ready wireless devices, game consoles, even dog collars.

Working with Nasa, Cerf is also trying to extend the network into outer space to better communicate with spacecraft.

But many features being developed today wouldn't have been possible at birth given the slower computing speeds and narrower Internet pipes, or bandwidth, Cerf said.

"With the tools we had then, we did as much as we could reasonably have done," he said.

While engineers tinker with the Internet's core framework, some university researchers looking for more speed are developing separate systems that parallel the Internet. That way, data-intensive applications like video conferencing, brain imaging and global climate research won't have to compete with e-mail and e-commerce.

Think information highway with an express lane.

Some applications are so data-intensive, they are "simply impractical to do on the current Internet," said Tracy Futhey, chairwoman of the National LambdaRail. The project offers for its members dedicated high-speed lines so data can "get from point A to point B and not have to contend with the other traffic."

LambdaRail recently completed its first optical connection from San Diego to Seattle to Pittsburgh to Jacksonville, Florida. Work on additional links is planned for next year.

Internet2

Undersea explorer Robert Ballard has used another network, Internet2, to host live, interactive presentations with students and aquarium visitors from the wreck of the Titanic, which he found in 1985.

The Internet's bandwidth can carry only "lousy" video and "can't compete with looking out the window," Ballard said. But with Internet2, "high-definition zoom cameras can show them the eyelids."

Internet2, with speeds 100 times the typical broadband service at home, is now limited to selected universities, companies and institutions, but researchers expect any breakthroughs to ultimately migrate to the main Internet.

Semantic Web

While Internet2 and LambdaRail seek to move data faster and faster, researchers with the World Wide Web Consortium are trying to make information smarter and smarter. Semantic Web is a next-generation Web designed to make more kinds of data easier for computers to locate and process.

Consider the separate teams of scientists who study genes, proteins and chemical pathways. With the Semantic Web, tags are added to information in databases describing gene and protein sequences.

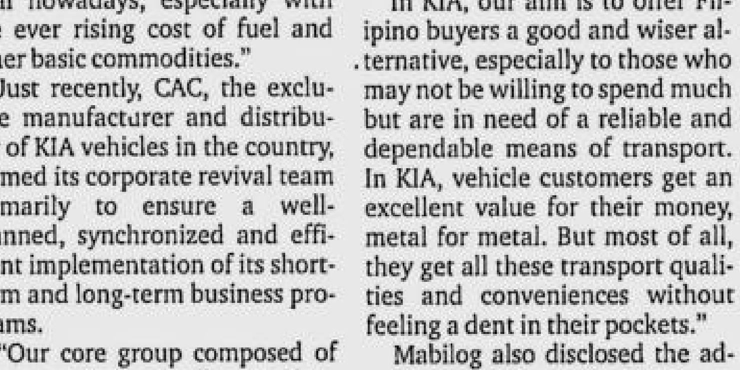
One group may use one scheme and another team something else; the Semantic Web could help link the two. Ultimately, software could be written to process the data and make inferences that previously required human intervention.

With the same principles, searching to buy an automobile in Massachusetts will also incorporate listings for cars in Boston.

Change doesn't come easily, however. For instance, the IPv6 numbering system was deemed an Internet standard about five years ago, but the vast majority of software and hardware today still runs on the older IPv4, which is rapidly running out of room.

And the Internet faces general resistance from old-world forces that want to preserve their current ways of doing things: Companies that value profit over greater good. Copyright holders who want to protect their music and movies. Governments that seek to censor information or spy on its citizens.

In early August, the Federal Communications Commission declared that Internet-based phone calls should be subject to the same type of law enforcement surveillance as cell and landline phones. That means Internet service providers would have to design their systems to permit police wiretaps. *AP*



MONGKOK Dimsum and Noodles opens its new branch in Cainta. Located at the 3rd level in Sta. Lucia Mall, the Chinese restaurant opens daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. In photo are Emil Javier, Monkok Sta. Lucia general manager; Exequiel Robles, Sta. Lucia Mall president and CEO; Agnes Javier, and Fr. Alex Balatbat.

Leaks in the ship called the Philippines

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est income, and on (3) the tax on foreign currency deposits. These should be audited.

The law provides for taxes on fringe benefits and a minimum corporate income tax. Businesses must observe ceilings on deductions. The government must flex its political will to enforce the law.

Here are other issues, though not stressed in the UP economists' paper.

Debt burden

Another glaring leak is the debt problem as pointed out by Cielito Habito, former chief of the National Economic and Development Authority.

As of February 2004, the foreign debt was P2.35 trillion and the domestic debt was P2.48 trillion.

Interest payments alone—not including principle payments—will eat up some 33 percent of the proposed P907.5 billion budget for 2005.

The government should revisit the debt issue. Consider negotiating for debt relief, for longer terms and lower rates.

But do not engage in unilateral repudiation—that will turn the Philippines into a financial outcast.

Smugglers at customs

Physical and technical smuggling opens more leaks.

According to the nation's trading partners, the Philippines imported $45.4 billion worth of goods in 2003. But the government's figure is $34.5 billion.

The discrepancy is almost $11 billion, which may indicate the magnitude of smuggling. Customs agents exercise much discretion in valuing the goods, and this leads to corruption.

With experience as former Customs chief, Guillermo Parayno suggests posting the values of imported commodities on the Net.

Watchdog groups can thus spot overvaluation or undervaluation.

Unfunded mandates

Finally, Congress should stop creating unfunded mandates, as stressed by former Finance Secretary Isidro Camacho.

Congress legislates new expenditures that are not backed up by new revenues. Future laws must include sources of revenue.

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Dynamic duo's venture begets string of successful ventures

MALDWYN and Ruth de Pano glow with business success, personal happiness

By Zenaida S. Macaspac
Contributor, UP ISSI

COUPLES IN BUSINESS

MALDWYN and Ruth de Pano sit at the helm of a string of enterprises—all inextricably and strategically intertwined.

Theirs is the classic story of fight for love and glory, which resonates, too, of ambition, will, discipline and grinding hard work.

A Fine Arts degree holder from the University of the Philippines major in editorial design, Maldwyn started his career as an artist in a government agency. He was happy designing and overseeing the printing of company publications.

"It was this job which kindled my fascination for the printing press and introduced me to the whole gamut of running a printing press," he recalls.

First business

He devoted a year to his first job and moved on to put up his first entrepreneurial venture, Bread of Life Enterprises.

Bread of Life produced greeting cards with Christian themes and Bible verses, which reflected his Christian orientation. They were then unique in Philippine market because Hallmark cards had yet to enter the market. Maldwyn designed the cards and had them reproduced in nearby printing presses.

He persuaded his wife, Ruth, to resign her teaching job to handle marketing. But because she had no background in handling a business, Ruth took the job reluctantly, was ill at ease initially, but later thrived.

More businesses

The business did well and it soon occurred to Maldwyn and Ruth to put up their own printing press, named Design Plus, a one-stop shop for design and printing jobs.

The couple envisaged it to print, among other things, the greeting cards of Bread of Life, which became its "captive market."

Then they went on to put up Emmanuel Music that produces Christian music in the form of CDs and cassette tapes, whose labels are printed by Design Plus.

In the same year, they opened their own recording studio precisely for Emmanuel Music's recording needs. They named this Project Studio.

As if their hands were not full enough, the dynamic couple partnered with another couple—Lindbert and Cheryl Sanguyo—to form Music Channel Enterprises. The company produces a music variety magazine that features and promotes popular local and international music celebrities.

The Sanguyos are expert in their respective fields.

Cheryl, an MBA graduate from Ateneo, used to manage concerts and enjoys a big circle of contacts in the music world. Her husband, Lindbert, a UP law graduate, handles the legal side of the business.

Unstoppable, the couple later put up Extempo, an outfit that produces and markets a line of textbooks for preschool and grade school.

Subsequently, they embarked on a project called CP—short for "Content Provider," the generic name for a business of this sort.

CP delivers music-related content to mobile phones subscribers. It uses Music Channel's magazine materials to create downloadable music news, gossips, picture messages, album reviews and guessing games.

Maldwyn refuses to be intimidated by what he calls his "total ignorance of wireless technology."

He got his brother-in-law Chino, who has worked all his life in telecommunication networks, to advise them on technical aspects of the trade and link them to his contacts. Cheryl and Lindbert are also there to contribute their talents.

All together, they constitute a powerful team. This may well be the quintessential strategic alliance.

"In choosing partners, we follow the dictum: collaborate with people who are excellent in other fields," the couple reveals.

Business strategy

Remarkably, the De Pano enterprises are so closely linked that the individual firms support one another in resources.

For example, Design Plus prints the labels of the CDs and cassette tapes produced by Emmanuel Music, the cards and novelty items sold by Bread of Life, the magazine published by Music Channel and the textbooks marketed by Extempo.

Project Studio records the CDs and cassettes produced by Emmanuel Music and marketed by Bread of Life. And Music Channel magazine advertises free of charge the firms that allow them to use downloadable images and tones needed by CP. Even human resources are shared—Ruth, Lindbert, Cheryl, Chino.

It is a neat game plan. And in such kind of symbiotic relationship, virtually no resources go to waste.

Moreover, Design Plus, their flagship business and biggest profit maker, enables the couple to nurture the fledgling enterprises to full flowering.

Dynamics unlimited

Where does Maldwyn get all his ideas?

"I don't have original ideas," he says modestly. "When I talk to people, I am always on the lookout for whatever I might pick up from them. Then I try to adapt them to my capability and resources."

Some of his ideas are inspired, if not borrowed, from different entrepreneurs. He reads them, listens to them, quotes them, befriends them, takes them seriously and emulates them.

Being in business together as a couple has its gains and pains. A most precious lesson they learned is that "if the family is in trouble, the business is in trouble. Business problems creep into other spheres, not excluding the family."

Both look back to a past crisis that had assailed their relationship. Fortunately, they both came to their senses in time and made moves to reverse the deterioration of their marriage.

After a series of long talks, and intensive sorting out of their disharmony, love triumphed. And now both tend to mark events in their business and relationship in relation to that crisis, like it was their own renaissance.

Maybe it is, for Maldwyn admits having gone through a "transformation" that also spurred a parallel change in Ruth.

"We reinvented ourselves," says Maldwyn.

This transformation impacted upon Maldwyn's disposition and management style. He stopped wanting to tell some of his workers: "Hey, you have no brains. I'll do the thinking for you. Just use your hands."

Ruth discloses they "have adopted participative management and teamwork."

Maldwyn gives much of the credit to Ruth for being able to balance the interest of the work place with that of the home.

Ruth juggles her corporate and parental roles efficiently. No matter how tied up she is at work, she always manages to attend to their children's needs.

"In that sense, she spares me from some parenting tasks to allow me to concentrate on the business," Maldwyn comments.

Frugality is second nature to them. They always reinvest their profits, such that every year they are able to acquire new equipment. And as a family they are not inclined to indulge themselves. "We don't even celebrate our birthdays," confesses Maldwyn.

Today, Ruth and Maldwyn seem to be happy individually and together. Their businesses and their marriage are both going great.

"We cannot ask for more," says Ruth.

(Watch out for "Couples Who Do, Dream and Take Risks" soon to be published by the UP Institute for Small-Scale Industries and the Small Enterprises Research and Development Foundation. For inquiries, call 928-7076 to 79 or email info.issi@up.edu.ph.)

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Fishpond owners save the day for prawn industry

By Gerry T. Pagharion
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ROXAS CITY—About 22 fishpond owners and operators have come together in an effort to save the struggling prawn business, once considered the province's "sunshine industry."

The move of the newly-formed Capiz Halaran Agri-Aqua Multi Purpose Cooperative (CHAAMPC) to revive the prawn business coincides with the local government's efforts not only to help Capiz prawn growers get back to their feet but also to perk up the province's economy, especially in the wake of the country's looming fiscal crisis.

In 1991, most of the 20,000 to 25,000 hectares of fishponds devoted to prawn farming in Capiz shifted to *bangus* and other products after these were struck with luminous bacteria and white spot virus that killed off the prawn.

Since then, the Capiz prawn business has not recovered, and even getting worse.

"If we can revive our prawn industry, I think it would have a very big impact on our economy," the governor told the CHAAMPC officers headed by Jose Mariano Villaruz at their induction last week.

Villaruz said the downfall of prawn industry adversely affected the province's economic situation as he urged the owners and operators to accept the challenge.

Bermejo was first to broach the idea of forming a cooperative, citing the experience of the Negros Prawn Producer Marketing Cooperative Inc. (NPPMCI) which, after its creation in 1989, was able to make their prawn industry recover from the slump.

This year, barring any unforeseen events, prawn growers will have their bountiful harvest, a development said to have been the envy of their peers in the region.

Bermejo, through the Provincial Agriculturist's Office (PAO), initiated a one-day "Lakbay Aral" on July 14 for 20 persons composed of the local agriculture office technicians and prawn growers to observe the breakthroughs in the Negros prawn farms.

The group observed that there was one common factor in the successful recovery of the prawn industry in Negros—a prawn laboratory that has existed since 1980s.

Sylvia de la Cruz, acting Capiz agriculturist, said the upgrading of the office's laboratory on Bilbao St. here would hopefully be completed before the end of the year, to cater to the needs and problems of prawn farms in Capiz.

Bermejo pledged to allocate funds for the improvement of the laboratory, making it capable of conducting fry analysis and water sampling solely for prawn farms.

De la Cruz said one advantage of having a cooperative among prawn farm owners and operators in Capiz was that they now have one voice in bringing their concerns to the government.

Audie Belargo, technician of the local agriculturist office who participated in the study tour, said the Negros prawn producers actually patterned their strategy after that of Thailand, a major prawn producer in Southeast Asia.

He said the group intended to implement the lessons they learned from the trip.

One of these is to go back to basics. They have to follow the recommendations of the local agriculture office based on laboratory results, particularly in harvesting just once a year, instead of two.

This will enable the prawn farms to "rest," especially during the cold months of November to January when the white spot virus, which is deadlier than the luminous bacteria, is prevalent.

Fresh water source must also be infused into the pond to lower the water's salinity as the virus thrives in pure seawater.

Fishpond operators should not resort to poly-culture in their prawn farms, involving crustaceans like crabs, as these are suspected carriers of the virus.

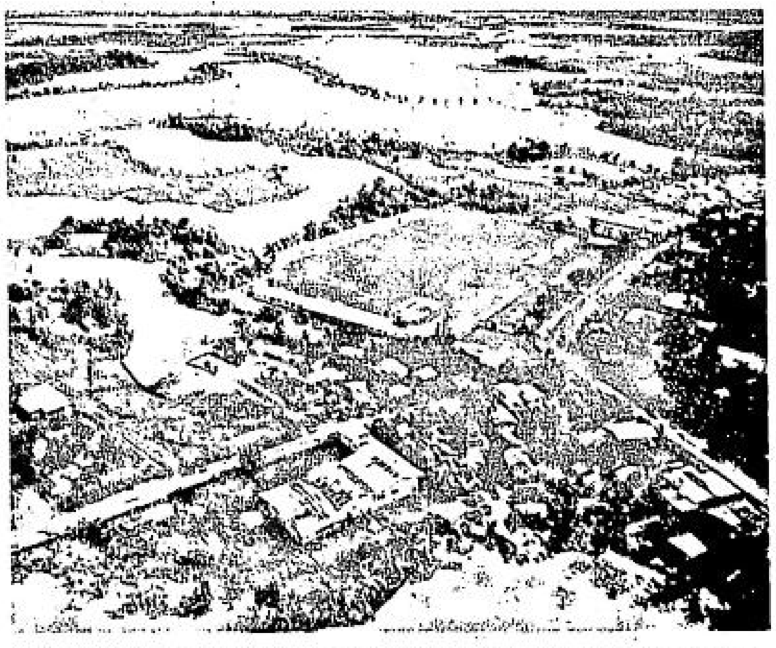
As such, prawn farms in Capiz must be separated with GI sheets or any materials to prevent any crustacean species from encroaching on their farms.

Farms are also encouraged to put up facilities to ward off birds, which are also believed to be possible carriers of the prawn virus or bacteria.

Capiz prawn growers must also see to it that their prawn farms are injected with a cultured or good bacteria to fight off or neutralize the bad ones.

In his speech after his induction as CHAAMPC head, Villaruz was optimistic that their effort will be a success.

"If Negros prawn growers can do it, there is no reason why we in Capiz can't do it." ***With a report from Felipe Celino, PDI Visayas Bureau***



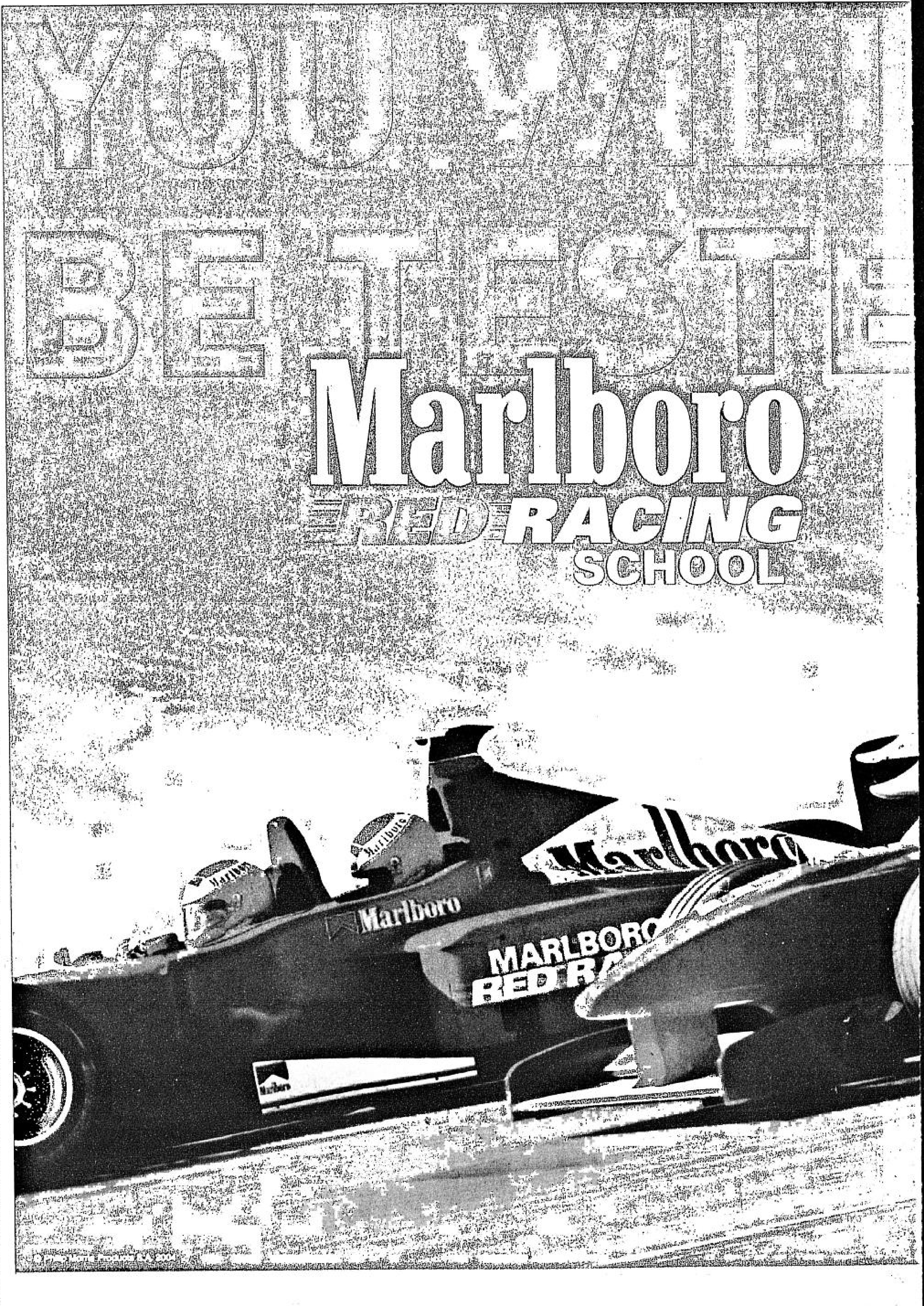
SOME 20,000 to 25,000 hectares of fishponds are devoted to prawn farming in Capiz.

Jewelers elect 'exporter' board

IN ITS its recent annual general membership meeting, the members of the Guild of Philippine Jewellers Inc. (GPJI) elected some of the Philippines' top exporters of fine jewelry to its Board of Directors. The exporters elected to the Board are Mia Faustmann of 7 Castles Inc.; Abelardo Mondoñedo of Jewelmer; Malu Unson of Sterling Gifts Inc., Theresa Villar of V.Y.D. Jewellers Inc., Mercedes Llamas of Mercelles, Amelita Co of New Life Jewelry. The other directors are Gina Mendoza of DJ Distinction House of Jewels, Manny Daez of Oro y Plata and Judy So of Venice Jewellers.

The thrust of the new GPJI board of directors is to transform the Philippine fine jewelry industry into an export-oriented sector. Among the many advantages of the jewelry sector are the abundance of gold and silver in the Philippines, the fusion of oriental and western influence resulting in a rich and varied culture designers draw on to develop cutting edge designs and the ability of the skilled craftsmen as well as the capability of the younger workers to develop their skills. While fine jewelry exports are at $21 million, the GPJI board feels that the potential of the Philippines is largely untapped.

Similarly, government has identified the fine jewelry industry as a priority sector. In partnership with GPJI, the Board of Investments has fine tuned the implementing rules and regulations of RA 8502, Jewelry Industry Development Act of 1998 to be more responsive to the industry's requirement for a level playing field with its Asian competitors though some amending legislation is still needed. The Center for International Trade Exhibits and Missions (Citem) and Bureau of Export Trade Promotion (BETP) also supports the overseas exhibits of the core exporter group in Vicenza, Italy. Tesda and Cottage Industry Technology Center (CITC) also support the manpower training programs for jewelry workers absorbed by the exporters. With the assistance of the Dept. of Trade and Industry (DTI) brand manager for wearables, Joel Rodriguez, GPJI has embarked on preparations to participate in the Manila FAME International in 2005 to establish the Philippines as a source of fine jewelry and to orient the enterprises venturing into export on trade fair participation.



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Telephone etiquette tips

GOODNESS GRACES

Lia S. Bernardo

IN RESPONSE to numerous inquiries on telephone etiquette, I put together some tips that you might find useful in your respective companies.

Before you answer, be prepared (this includes knowing how to use the phone/system features):

1. Turn away from your computer, desk or other work.

2. Have pens, pencils and notepaper handy.

In answering the phone:

3. Answer calls promptly, by the second or third ring.

4. Smile as you pick up the phone.

5. Assume your "telephone" voice, controlling your volume and speed.

6. Project a tone that is enthusiastic, natural, attentive and respectful.

7. Greet the caller and identify yourself and your company/department/unit.

8. Ask, "To whom am I speaking?"

9. Ask, "How may I help you?"

In the course of the conversation:

10. Focus your entire attention on the caller.

11. Enunciate/articulate clearly. Speak distinctly.

12. Use plain English and avoid unnecessary jargon and acronyms.

13. Use action specific words and directions.

14. Use the caller's name during the conversation.

15. Always speak calmly and choose your words naturally.

16. Use all of your listening skills:

a. Focus your full attention on the caller and the conversation.

b. Listen "between" the words.

c. Use reflective/active listening to clarify and check for understanding.

17. If there is a problem, project a tone of concern.

18. Avoid the five forbidden phrases.

a. "I don't know"

Instead, say: "That is a good question; let me find out for you" or offer to connect the caller with someone who could provide the answer.

If a call involves some research, assure the person that you will call back by a specific time. If you do not have an answer by the deadline, call back to say, "I don't have an answer yet, but I'm still researching on it."

There is no excuse for not returning calls.

b. "I/we can't do that."

Instead say: "This is what I/we can do."

c. "You'll have to"

Instead say: "You will need to" or "I need you to" or "Here's how we can help you."

d. "Just a second"

Instead: Give a more honest estimate of how long it will take you and/or let them know what you are doing.

e. "No."

Instead: Find a way to state the situation positively.

19. Use "LEAPS" for the emotional caller.

L Listen. Allow the caller to vent.

E Empathize. Acknowledge the person's feelings.

A Apologize when appropriate, even if the problem is not your fault, you can say, "I am really sorry this has happened" and mean it.

P (Be) Positive

S Solve; suggest/generate solutions that you can both agree on and/or ask what you can do to help and, if reasonable, do it! If not, find a compromise.

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THE WORD Japanese usually connotes technology and innovation. Japanese products are known to be durable and offer valuable features and benefits to consumers, from automobiles, household appliances to entertainment system. Almost always, Japanese brands become the benchmark of quality for other foreign manufacturers to either compare or improve their own products.

This holds especially true for PLUS Vision Corp., a Japanese manufacturer of electronic and optical products. One of PLUS Vision's innovative products will be introduced to the local market this September—the M Series Electronic Copyboard, the world's first electronic copyboard (more commonly known as the "high-tech" whiteboard) with a built-in memory feature that allows data handwritten on the board to either be stored on the board's memory or produced in hardcopy or print out.

Distributed locally by GAKKEN Philippines Inc. (GPI), the PLUS M Series offers the industry's broadest range of electronic copyboard models that can meet your every presentation need—whether you just need to have a printed copy of your notes written on the board or you need to save all your notes just like what the computer does for you. It is ideal for today's highly-competitive business environment where professional and creative presentations can help clinch a high-profile project.

Revolutionary copyboard

With the PLUS M Series electronic copyboard, your audience—whether they be your clients, board of directors, management team, office staff, trainees, or even to just one person or to a big group, will never have to worry about taking notes again during meetings. You can reproduce all your handwritten notes on the whiteboard during company meetings and download them into your personal computer to e-mail to your head office.

With this product, you simply write on the board and with a push of a button, you can immediately print out the exact replica of your written notes on plain paper or download and save them into your personal computer on the spot. As the name implies, you are able to "copy" anything written on the board to be stored in a memory card without the use of a PC.

This does not only save your company time and money but is also an efficient way to get work done with a touch of sophistication and style that automatically enhances your company's image.

"With the product's versatility, users can save their ideas simply and quickly in digital format. The user simply writes on the copyboard and immediately prints out the information on paper or downloads it to a personal computer. So it's just a matter of choosing whether you want the information in soft or hardcopy," says Carlos Malibiran, GPI President.

The PLUS M Series Electronic Copyboard will definitely put an end to traditional business presentations as it provides companies with an innovative way to make high impact and impressive presentations. Worldwide, the copyboard is now widely used by government agencies, law firms, schools, ad agencies, training consultancy firms, review centers, engineering firms, manufacturing firms, design firms and industrial offices that do a lot of designing and planning.

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The M Series Copyboard's configuration can be mixed and matched according to conditions of use and purpose. The unit can be mounted on the office wall or partition and is perfect for small meeting rooms and cubicles where a conventional copyboard is too big.

"We are proud to carry the M Series which is aimed at opening a new market for copyboards. By carrying PLUS Electronic Copyboards, we want to be known as a company that pioneers in the introduction and distribution of the latest audio-visual presentation technologies in the Philippines," says Mariano T. Ang, GPI CEO and chair of the board.

Having witnessed the fast growth and the relatively aggressive direct sales force of GPI in Metro Manila and all over Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, PLUS Vision Corp. (Japan) awarded the exclusive distributorship of their products to GPI which include the M Series, DLP Projectors, and other multi-media solutions. The company is engaged in selling, marketing and acquiring goods and new technologies specifically for automating office systems and procedures.

GPI, which has its showroom along Aurora Boulevard, also distributes other foreign brands like Duplo Corp.'s digital copy printer products, paper cutters and accessories, offset machines and platemakers from India and USA.

The PLUS M Series Copyboard will be available at GPI's offices in Metro Manila, Cebu and Davao and through its dealers in Baguio, Batangas, Laoag, Naga, Dagupan, Tuguegarao, Ozamiz, Bacolod, Iloilo, Tacloban, Cagayan and Zamboanga.

"We are confident that the local market is ready for such a high tech product. The challenges of work here in the Philippines are becoming complicated and Filipinos are constantly searching for tools and equipment to help them cope with these requirements," Ang shares.

(For product and distributorship inquiries, call GPI at 725-9373 or 744-5450.)

Globe's Gerry Ablaza honored by TNT

GLOBE Telecom president and CEO Gerry Ablaza

GLOBE wireless business head Ferdz de la Cruz with Nokia country general manager Parikshit Bhasin.

TNT INTERNATIONAL Express regional Webmaster Leah Valerie Sy, Globe AVP for public relations Jones Campos, TNT International Express regional senior manager Magali Rossi.

SECURITY Bank president and CEO Alberto Villarosa, Innove CEO Gil Genio, and PSBank president Pascual Garcia III.

TNT country general manager Jose Luis Romero-Salas

AYALA Corp managing director Renato Marzan, Globe SVP for corporate and regulatory affairs Rodolfo Salalima, and Globe head for logistics and administrative support Ronald Luis Goseco.

TNT INTERNATIONAL Express Philippines country manager Jose Luis Romero-Salas said the triumph of Globe Telecom president and chief executive officer Gerardo Ablaza Jr in the 2004 Asia Business Leadership Awards (Abla) is a clear sign that the country has some of the best corporate leaders in the world.

"It is high time that a Filipino wins the Abla. Ablaza is a prime example of world-class Filipino brand of management. What Globe Telecom has done should serve as a model for other Asian companies," Salas said. He added that with the continued economic and political uncertainty in the country, Globe has not only managed to remain profitable but also continues with its unprecedented expansion.

Ablaza was the runaway winner in this year's awards as he bagged the flagship prize of Asia Business Leader Award and the CEO Choice of the Year Award (given to the best CEO based on votes of other business executives in the region).

"During the launching of the 2004 Abla in March, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo urged the nation to pray for the success of the Filipinos nominated. And I believe those prayers were answered," Salas quipped.

To celebrate Ablaza's triumph a cocktail party was held July 21 at the Makati Shangri-la Hotel. The affair was graced by top business leaders. Seen having a blast were proud Globe executives led by Gil Genio, Innove CEO, Rodolfo Salalima, senior vice president for corporate and regulatory affairs, Delfin Gonzales Jr, chief financial officer, Cesar Murreal, senior vice president for human resources, Ferdz de la Cruz, head for wireless business group, Lizanne Uychauco, vice president for wireless group sales and distribution, Ramon Antonio Pineda, Innove head for residential and business group, Roland Luis Goseco, head for logistic and administration support, Manny Aligada, head for customer care, Aris Sayson, Innove head for corporate sales, Jones Campos, head for public relations, and Cynthia Evidente, head for corporate communications.

Other top executives present were Nokia country manager Parikshit Bhasin, Ericsson's vice president Alan Ho, Roberto de Ocampo, Security Bank president Albert Villarosa, PSBank president Pascual Garcia, BPI Family Bank president Alfonso Salcedo, and Ammo president Paul Ligones.

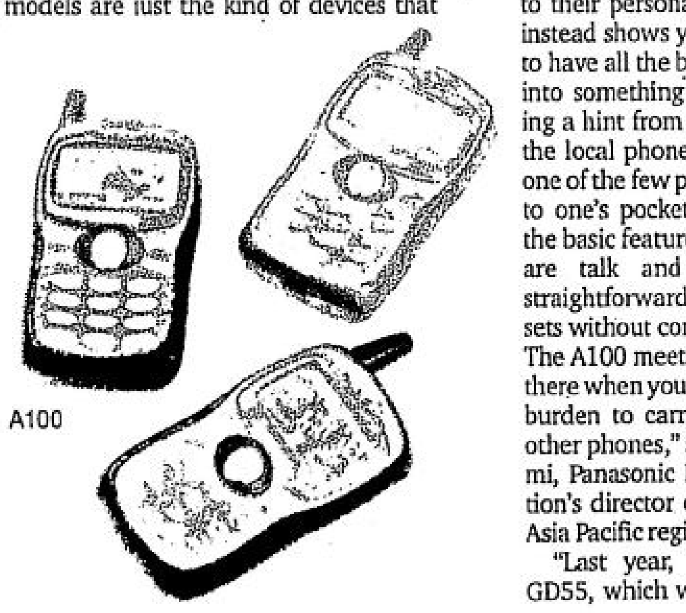
The highlight of the evening was a ceremonial toast proposed by TNT country manager Salas for Ablaza.

"This award recognizes that all of us at Globe Telecom have a great responsibility because we are going through a very challenging market and it is important that we live up to this expectation," Ablaza said in response. "We need to prove that our leadership here in Globe is not a fluke or a passing fancy, rather that what we are building is truly sustainable and enduring."

Panasonic introduces latest addition to mobile lineup

JAPANESE phone maker Panasonic Mobile Communications Company Ltd recently launched the two newest additions to its mobile phone range that packs both power and style and features the cutting edge of mobile technology.

The two new handsets-the A100 Series and the X300-target two different segments of the market and represent the company's efforts to bring more innovative phones to mobile users. These new models are just the kind of devices that will drive more users to phones that not only boast of style but functionality as well.



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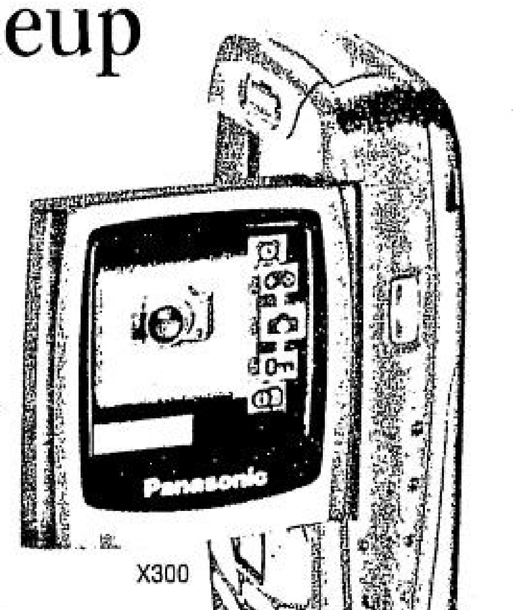

X300

The A100 Series is Panasonic's latest lineup of mini phones composed of the A100, A101 and A102 that are all simple, stylish and smaller than the average credit card.

"There are many people who think buying an entry level monochrome phone means they need to add a big brick to their personal effects. The A100 instead shows you that it is possible to have all the basic features packed into something much smaller. Taking a hint from the POP material at the local phone shops, the A100 is one of the few phones that can fit into one's pocket. Users really want the basic features of a phone, which are talk and text. They want straightforward, no-nonsense handsets without compromising on style. The A100 meets this demand as it is there when you need it, yet it is not a burden to carry around like some other phones," says Yoshihisa Tatsumi, Panasonic Mobile Communication's director of marketing for the Asia Pacific region.

"Last year, we introduced the GD55, which was the first of Panasonic's mini-phones and was an overnight global success. When we introduced GD55, we were surprised of the market's overwhelming acceptance. We have seen, especially in the Asian market, that there was an enormous demand for small, simple and efficient phones. This year, we will introduce three variations of new mini phones-the A100, the A101 which is our sporty model, and the A102 which is the sophisticated metallic looking version," Tatsumi adds.

The A100 Series has basic features such as alarm, calculator, calendar, SMS, melody composer, speaker phone, and can store up to 250 contacts in the phonebook. Measuring 77mm in height and weighing just 66g, this tri-band phone with 16 polyphonic ring tones is ready for easy text messaging with a 112x64 pixel display that shows three full lines of information. It has the latest SMS and EMS (enhanced messaging system) technology but keeps it simple and reliable enough to make it easy for the average user to use.

The A100 Series will be sold at an affordable P4,990.

The X300, on the other hand, is perfect for style-conscious users who want the latest technology combined with cutting edge design. Created for the mid-level market, the phone, priced at P15,000, has an innovative, pop-up screen design that transforms a high-quality mobile phone into a digital camera.

Tatsumi shares: "We are proud to be the first to offer a phone of this design that combines stylish pop-up LCD screen and digital camera in a bar-type phone. This phone, which we nicknamed 'visual trendsetter', will be a hit among the younger market, the 16-35-year-old active-type users who really want to be different."

More than just an innovation in mobile phone design, the X300 has all the essentials one would expect from Panasonic. It features a 65K color screen, video record and playback capability, 40 polyphonic ring tones, MMS, a calendar, calculator, games and wallpaper downloads to name a few. It is also a tri-band, which enables users to share pictures and video images with anyone else in the world.

With its one-push, pop-up screen, the X300 makes taking pictures and shooting video clips simple. The built-in VGA camera has a handy self-timer function on this new device while photos or videos can be played back on the cleat color display. By supporting GPRS and MMS, the X300 allows users to send photos and even video clips to a PC or other compatible phone.

Earlier this year, Panasonic launched four compact-sized handsets-the G51 E/M, G70, X66 and X70-which have all received huge support from the market.

"This year, we are introducing 14 new models. We will be launching some of the most advanced phones. We have the thinnest clam shell GSM phone (X400), the shortest entry level camera phone (X100), and the thinnest bar-type phone (X200)," Tatsumi concludes.

2ND METROLOGY MATCH WINNER

Corsenio San Juan Jr (2nd from right), a third year scholar in Tool and Die Technology of Meralco Foundation Institute, won 3rd place in the 2nd Metrology Competition organized by the Mitutoyo Asia Pacific Pte Ltd held at the Mitutoyo Philippine representative office in Muntinlupa City recently. Shown is Corsenio holding the plaque and cash he won before handing the same to MFI president Col. Alex T. Escaño (2nd from left). With them are Ed Dy Guaso (left), head of the MFI mechanical department and Danny Vinzon (right), a coach from MFI.

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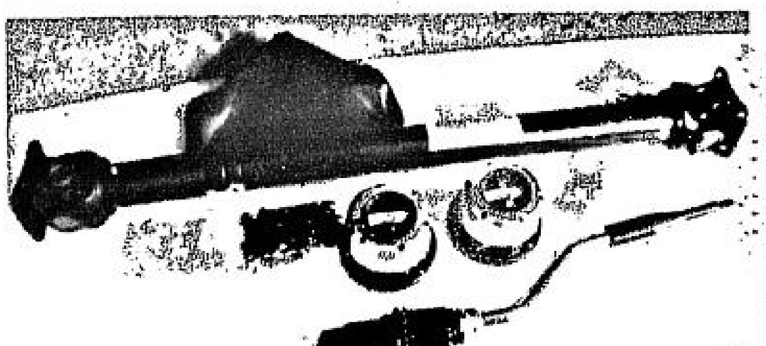

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GET A clear picture of your company or your organization on the year that was. Doing this clears the road to greater heights in the coming year. The Asian Institute of Journalism and Communications (AIJC) will conduct a seminar-workshop on Annual Report Writing on Sept. 16 and 17. This is part of the series of high-performance writing and power communication courses offered by AIJC. The seminar-workshop focuses on the elements necessary in doing annual reports. It also touches on the right format and packaging. This affordable course will be held at the AIJC seminar room at Annapolis Wilshire Plaza, 11 Annapolis Street, Greenhills, San Juan. For inquiries, call 724-4564 or 725-4227

Making trademarks stand out

By Eduardo C. Escaño

THE ROLE of trademarks has evolved together with today's changing business models.

The creation of brands play a vital if not significant role in the seller's market positioning if not market dominance.

Be one a manufacturer, an entrepreneur, or a trader, the brand or trademark that attaches to the goods or services reflect a kind of image or reputation which one wishes to convey to its target market.

So what makes a good trademark?

The trademark protection system is a system created to motivate sellers in keeping a good reputation for the predictable quality goods or services.

Trademarks allow the ordinary purchaser to identify the goods or services that has been satisfactory to him and to reject those that have previously failed his expectations.

Thus, in a highly competitive economic environment, a good trademark is that which effectively conveys or connotes a certain quality of the product and at the same time, distinguish his goods or services from that of his competitors.

Moreover, a good trademark is one that can withstand the tests and challenges of competing brands.

The rationale behind the protection of trademarks is to protect consumers who patronize goods or services, perceived and experienced to have a standard level of quality and satisfaction.

Thus, to be effective in making consumers identify the source of the goods or services, it is necessary that one's trademark must be distinctive.

Otherwise, a non-distinctive or a commonly used mark or brand will only confuse the purchasers on the source of the goods.

In determining distinctiveness of brands or trademarks, one may classify thee kinds of marks in a spectrum.

On one end are the inherently distinctive or highly distinctive marks. These include the fanciful, arbitrary and suggestive marks.

Fanciful marks are marks which are coined or created for the specific purpose of functioning as a trademark (i.e. Kodak, Sony, Toyota). These marks do not have any dictionary meaning but are created specifically to act as brands.

Arbitrary marks on the other hand are marks or symbols which are ordinarily used or can be found in the dictionary but are arbitrarily used for specific goods or services in such a way that they are neither suggestive nor descriptive (i.e. Apple for computers, Canon for printers, Summit for mineral water).

The last type of inherently distinctive marks are suggestive marks.

These marks, as they are termed, suggest a certain quality or ingredient of the goods.

As a general rule, as long as the mark or brand is able to distinguish itself from that of its competitor brands without being descriptive, then the mark is deemed suggestive and is afforded protection under trademark law (i.e. Sparkle for window cleaner, Venus for beauty salon, Amoxicillin for medicine containing penicillin).

In the middle of the spectrum are the non-inherently distinctive marks.

These marks composed of descriptive terms, geographical indications or personal names.

As a general rule, these descriptive marks may not successfully receive trademark registration status and protection unless the person claiming ownership is able to prove that such terms have attained the status of a trademark in the minds of potential customers.

The principle of allowing descriptive marks to ripen as trademarks are embodied in the doctrine of secondary meaning.

At the other end of the spectrum are the marks that do not have any distinctiveness.

These marks do not have any trademark significance and can never become trademarks.

Under this category fall generic marks or the name of the product or service itself (i.e. cellphone for mobile telephone, cerveza for beer).

A generic name can never function as a trademark since "generic" and "trademark" are mutually exclusive terms.

Generic terms can never function to identify and distinguish the products of only one seller because it cannot pinpoint origin or source of the goods or services.

A trademark properly answers the question "Who are you? Where do you come from" While a generic term answers the question "What are you?"

Generic names are part of the public domain and are thus free for all to use. As such they do not have any trademark value.

The choice and selection of brands or trademarks are crucial to any businessman or entrepreneur today.

One important factor to a successful business is the development of one's own distinctive brand.

(The author is the senior partner of Escaño & Partners Law Offices and author of Trademarks in the Philippines: A Legal Guide)

High school graduate finds small fortune in 'sampaloc'

By Sharon Wendy A. Robas

HAVING only a high school diploma did not deter Lorena Alvero to enter a business that eventually became her family's bread and butter.

Lorie relates how she and husband Mario started making *sampaloc* candies in 1994 in her husband's town in San Pablo City, Laguna. With only P500 as starting capital, the Alvero couple started with only a kilo of sampaloc to make the candies.

Lorie shares that her mother used to make these candies but the taste "wasn't quite good enough." Her husband then tried out different "techniques" until he got the formula that would make what is now known as Lor-Mar special candies, a big hit with their customers.

LORENA Alvero

Recipe

From a kilo of sampaloc, the couple's production grew to five kilos. Their recipe proved to be very effective as orders came pouring in mostly from *balikbayans* who find these products an ideal *pasalubong*. Neighboring schools and offices also started to place their orders.

Lorie, however, recalls how they wasted a lot of candies as a result of their quest for the perfect recipe.

"There were times when the candies got overcooked. Of course, the burnt candies could not be eaten. So, we would try and try again until we get the right taste and texture of the candies," Lorie relates in Filipino.

She adds that the candies are "perfectly cooked" or else they become "sticky like bubble gum" or what the locals refer to as "*maligat*."

Lorie says the quality of the sampaloc used affects the quality of their product. The sampaloc are sourced locally.

Lorie says she and her husband were the only ones doing all the work then.

"We did everything from cooking to wrapping the candies piece by piece," Lorie says.

In 2001, the couple moved to Lorie's hometown in Rizal, Laguna, and continued to make the candies.

Earnings

Lorie, 31, says earnings they got from manufacturing the candies are "quite enough to sustain the every day needs of their family."

Starting with only 50 packs, the orders grew to more than a thousand. A pack contains 12 sampaloc-candy pieces and costs P8.

Lorie, Mario and her brother are the only people who have a hand in cooking of the candies, which takes about one and a half hours, after which the mixture is set aside to cool before they are formed into circles and then wrap in cellophane.

Lorie says they produce about 700 or more packs a day depending on the volume of orders. Today they have around seven workers who help them pack the candies.

Customers

Through the years, Lor-Mar candies have established customers not only in neighboring towns in Laguna but also in Metro Manila.

With the advantage of cell phone technology, they decided to include their cell phone numbers in their candy packs and Lorie is thrilled about a number of call inquiries from prospective customers from other places. Although they don't directly deliver in Metro Manila, they have a number of "*suki*" who buy these candies in bulk and sell them in different stores in Manila.

Lorie also shares they also have customers from other Laguna towns who buy their products by trading in other food products which in turn they would also sell. Their sugar supplier also gets to buy and sell their candies in exchange for sacks of sugar, which is also a main ingredient in making the candies.

Despite the rising cost of materials such as plastics and cellophane, Lorie remains optimistic. She hopes that this venture would further boom so they could save enough to uplift the lives of their family.

Bank celebrates major customers

HSBC goes from the stage to the court as the bank recently hosted two customer appreciation events, the first for its HSBC Premier customers and the other for corporate treasury executives who do business with the bank's multi-awarded treasury team.

HSBC CEO Warner Manning, Lea Salonga and HSBC head of personal financial services Martin Cook

INQUIRER chair Marixi Prieto, Alexi Prieto, Dennis and Tessa Valdes

JON Manning, Margarita Tambunting and Ambassador Jesus Tambunting

PACQUI Ortigas and Ambassador Roberto Romulo

HSBC Premier treated close to 2,500 customers and special guests to Cinemusica, a night of music from the silver screen at the PICC Plenary Hall, featuring no less than Broadway star Lea Salonga, who led the cast of equally talented Filipino musicians including The Company, Ana Fegi, Robert Seña and Gerard Salonga.

HSBC Premier, the bank's global wealth management service, provides exclusive access to special lifestyle events, ranging from specially produced concerts featuring the likes of Kevyn Lettau, Lani Misalucha and Lea Salonga—to fashion shows, beauty and wellness talks and personal investment seminars.

On behalf of HSBC Premier customers, the bank made a donation to the children of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the country's largest wish-granting organization, committed to fulfilling the wishes of children afflicted with life-threatening illnesses.

From the halls of the PICC, HSBC went to the courts of Atletico Sports Complex in Quezon City to host the 1st Treasury Badminton Tournament for the bank's treasury clients.

Trading their everyday executive wear for weekend athletic gear, corporate treasury executives from San Miguel Group of Companies, Globe Telecoms, Smart Communications, Diageo, PNOC, Total, Unilever and P&G enjoyed a day of friendly competition, overflowing with food and prizes.

Showing that their numbers don't get in the way of their favorite sport, the following emerged as top winners of the tournament: Lannie Magat and Ethelen Atienza of PNOC-EDC for women's doubles; Jing Arkoncel and Elise Tinio of Total for mixed doubles; and Albert Sarte and Robert Illiscupidez of San MIguel Corp. for men's doubles.

"These events are all about celebrating customer relationships. We develop exclusive programs that appeal to our most valued customers to help us know and serve them better," said HSBC CEO Warner Manning.

BEGO Ortigas, Chari Montilla, HSBC CEO Warner Manning, SEC chair Fe Barin and Nelly Bordador

EVELYN Coronel and Bankers Association of the Philippines executive director Topper Coronel

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Good coffee leads to successful meetings

THESE days, business deals rise or fall in far less traditional venues as the corporate boardroom.

Mergers are known to be signed, sealed and delivered in the middle of well-manicured grass courses in between tee-off and the last hole.

Some transactions receive their stamp of approval while chasing the elusive whopping tuna over the high seas.

But others still prefer a more relaxed atmosphere as they go through the contracts while sipping their favorite cup of blissful brew.

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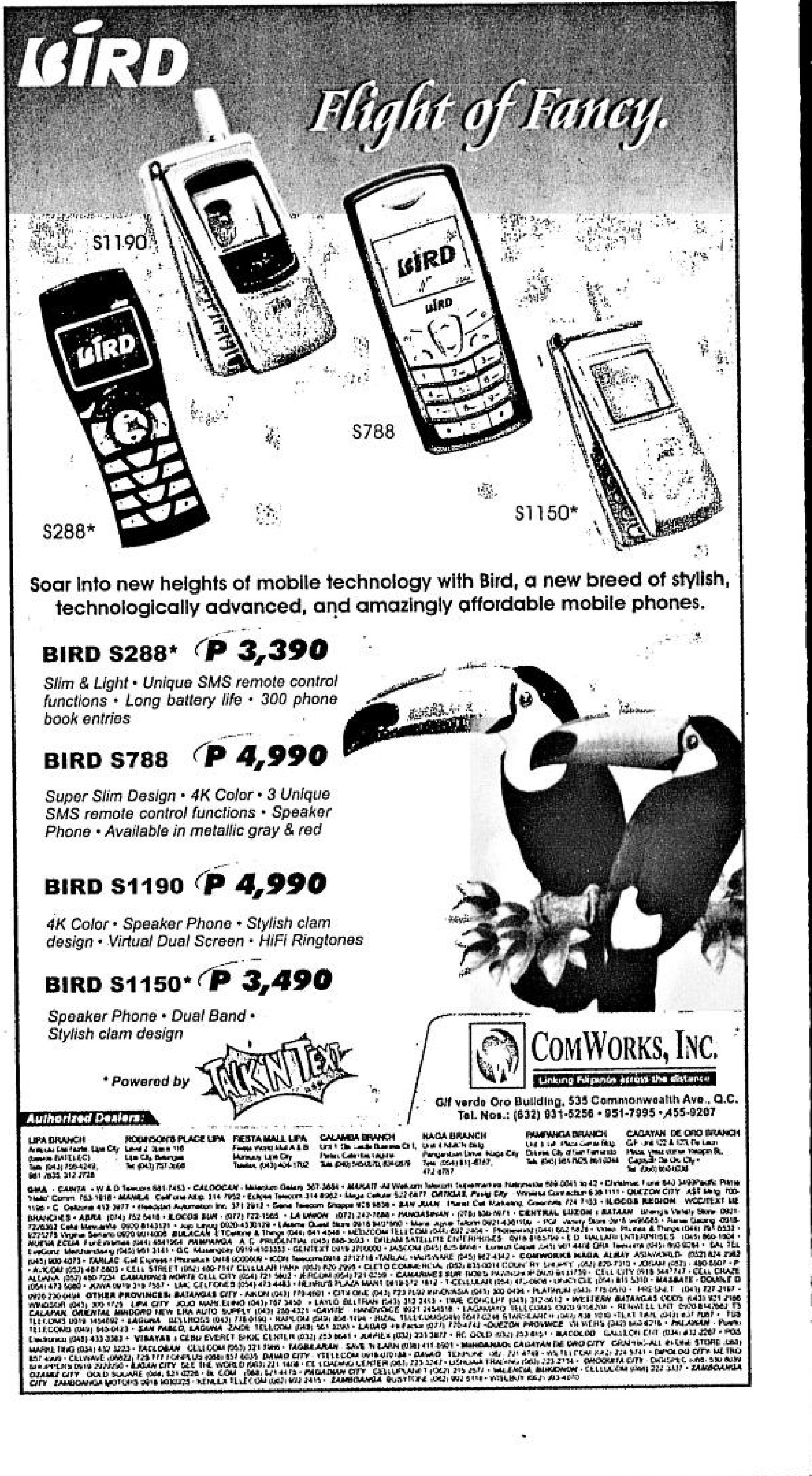

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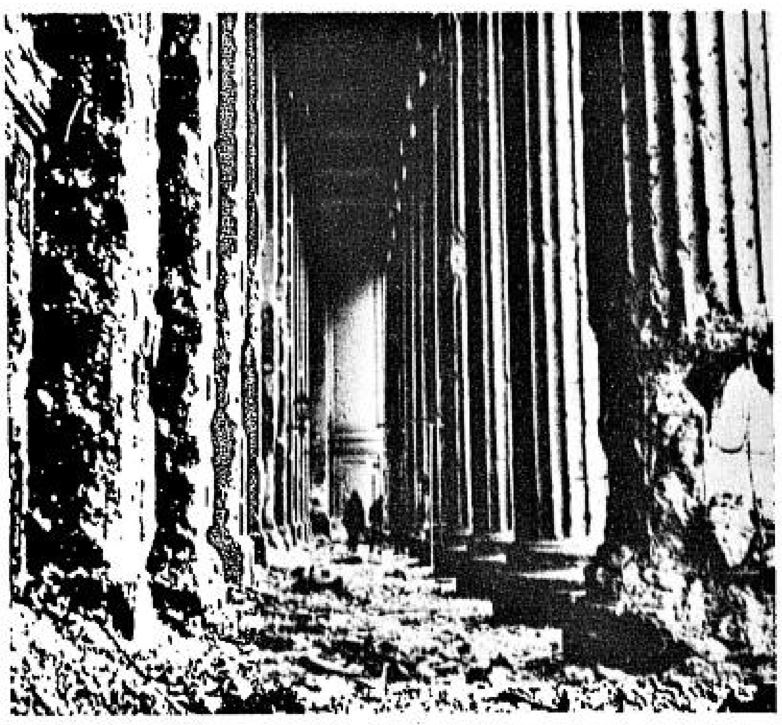

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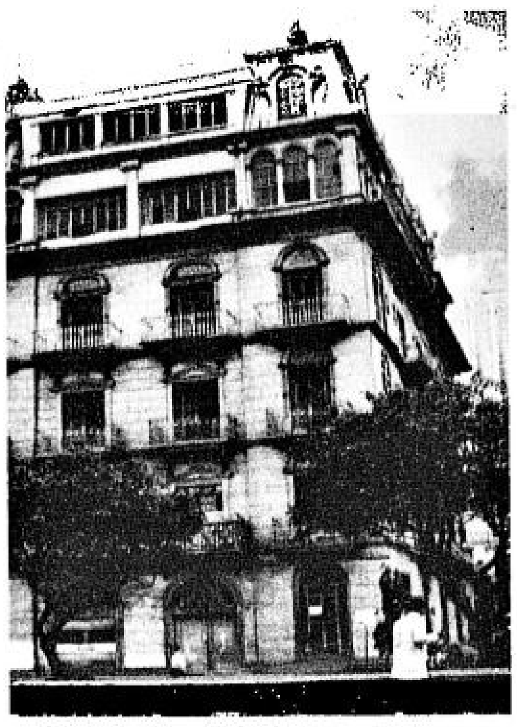

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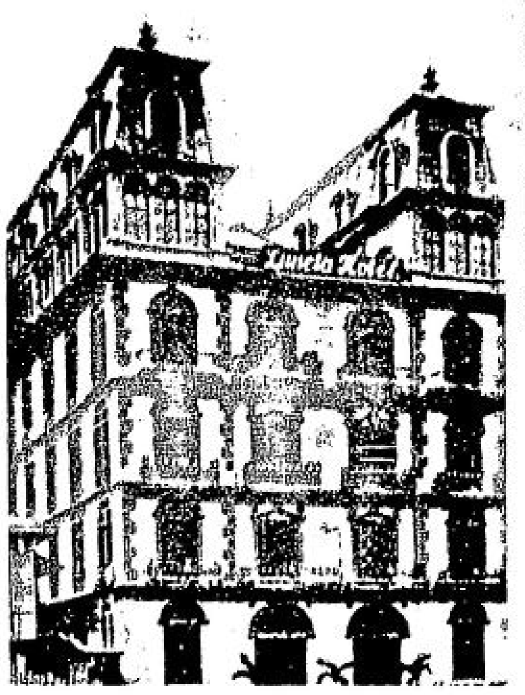

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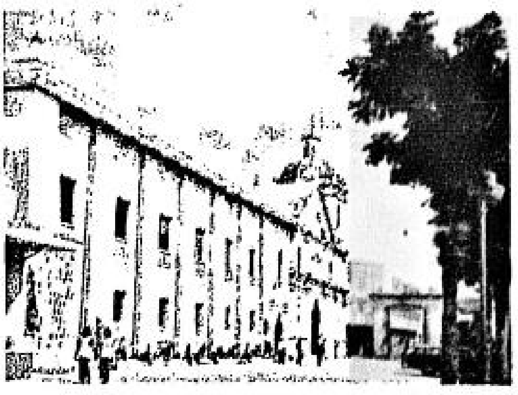

BASILICA del Sto. Niño before

Look at what we have lost! Look at the waste!

Pictures worth a thousand words

PRIDE OF PLACE
Augusto F. Villalon

THE FILIPINAS Heritage Library recently organized the photography competition "Noon at Ngayon" (Then and Now) on the evolution of Philippine architecture.

Each entry served as a historical witness that compared past and existing conditions of architectural landmarks in the country.

The former Manila Electric Company generating plant located in what was suburban Makati totally gave way to the new Power Plant Mall. All traces of the old plant were replaced with the bland architecture of what today is one of the most luxurious malls in Manila.

Juan Arellano, one of the founding fathers of architecture in the Philippines, completed the Manila Post Office in 1926. The structure was heavily bombed by American shelling against the Japanese during the "Liberation" of Manila in 1945. The structure was completely rebuilt after World War II.

Years have not been kind to the elegant six-story Luneta Hotel that faces Manila's Rizal Park. The abandoned building has been empty for the past decades.

Basilica del Santo Niño in Cebu City, where the oldest religious icon in the country is enshrined, is one of the country's centers of pilgrimage. A concrete structure to accommodate an overflow of pilgrims who attend a once-yearly religious festival is an empty concrete shell once the festival is over. It replaced an extensive lawn that once was a green refuge in the city center.

The exhibit demonstrates that a picture is truly worth a thousand words.

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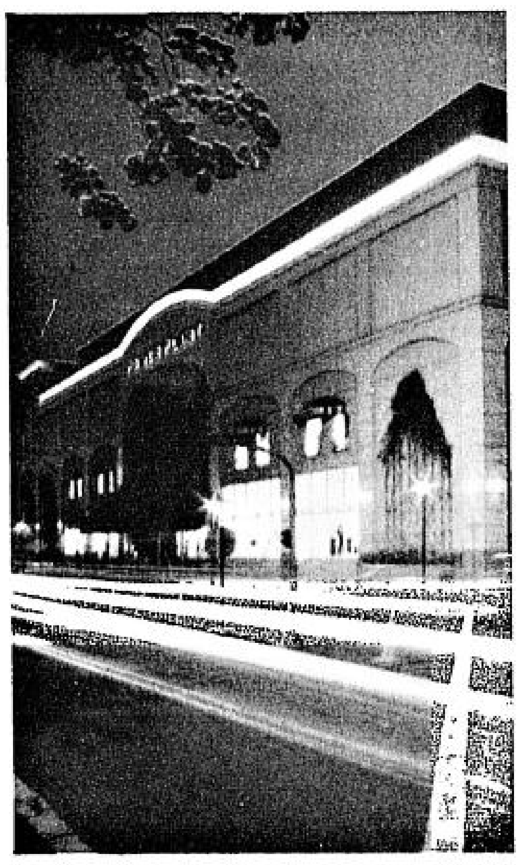

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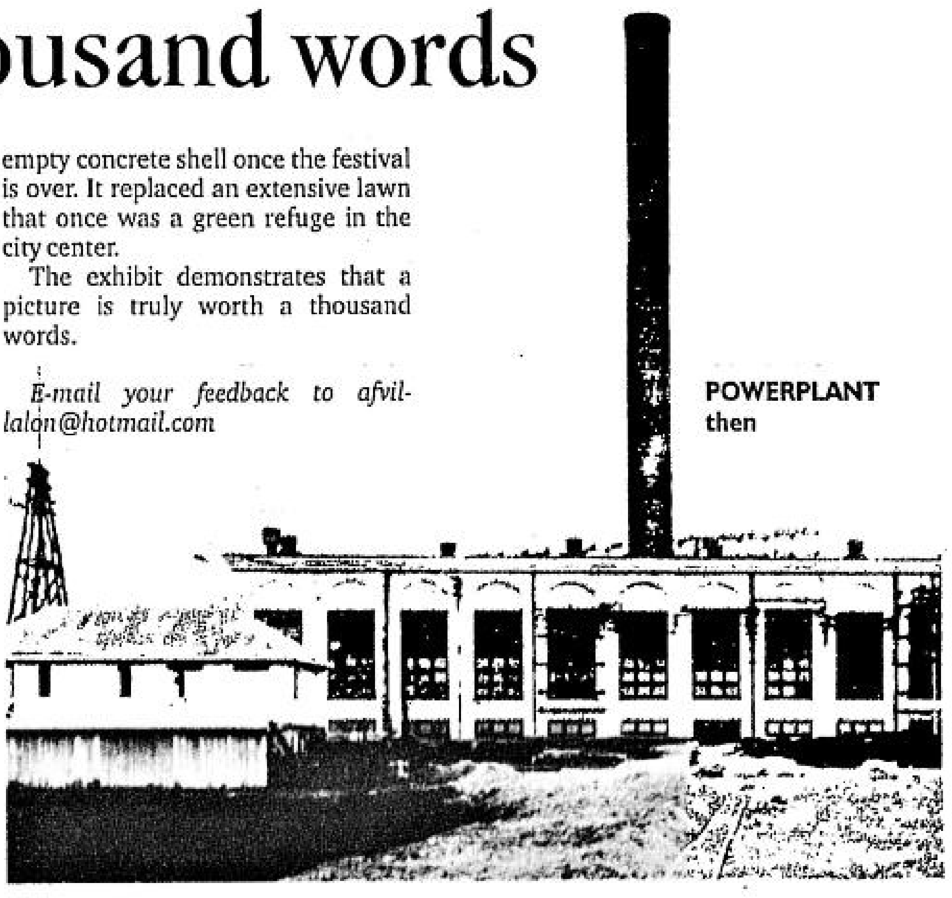

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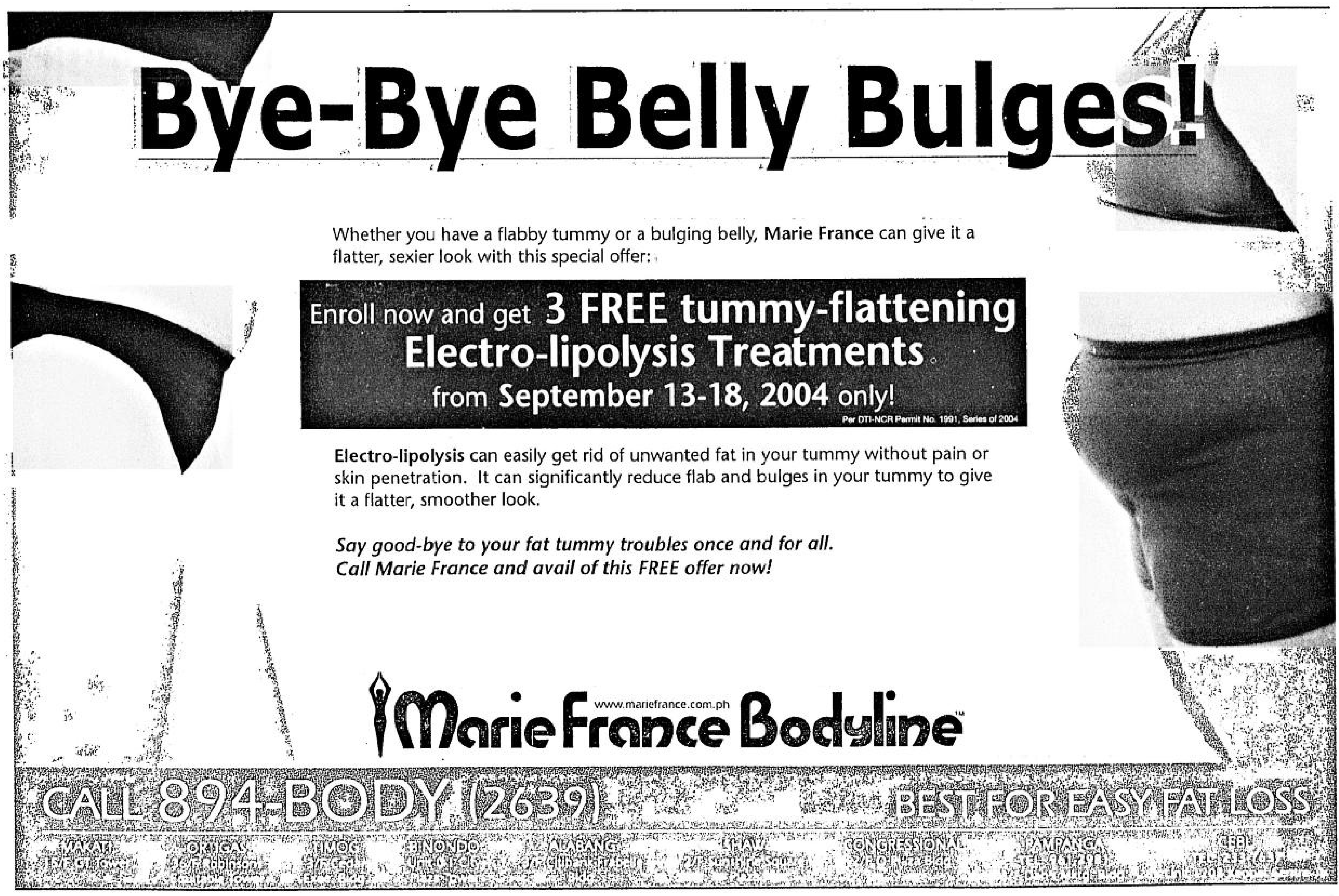

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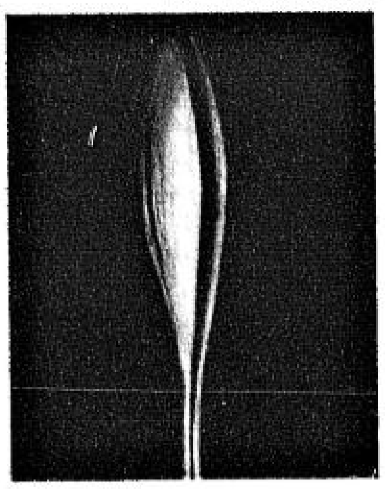

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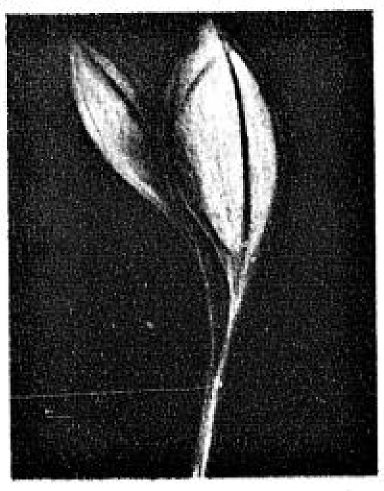

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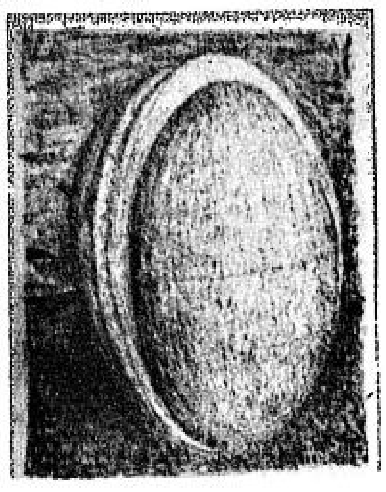

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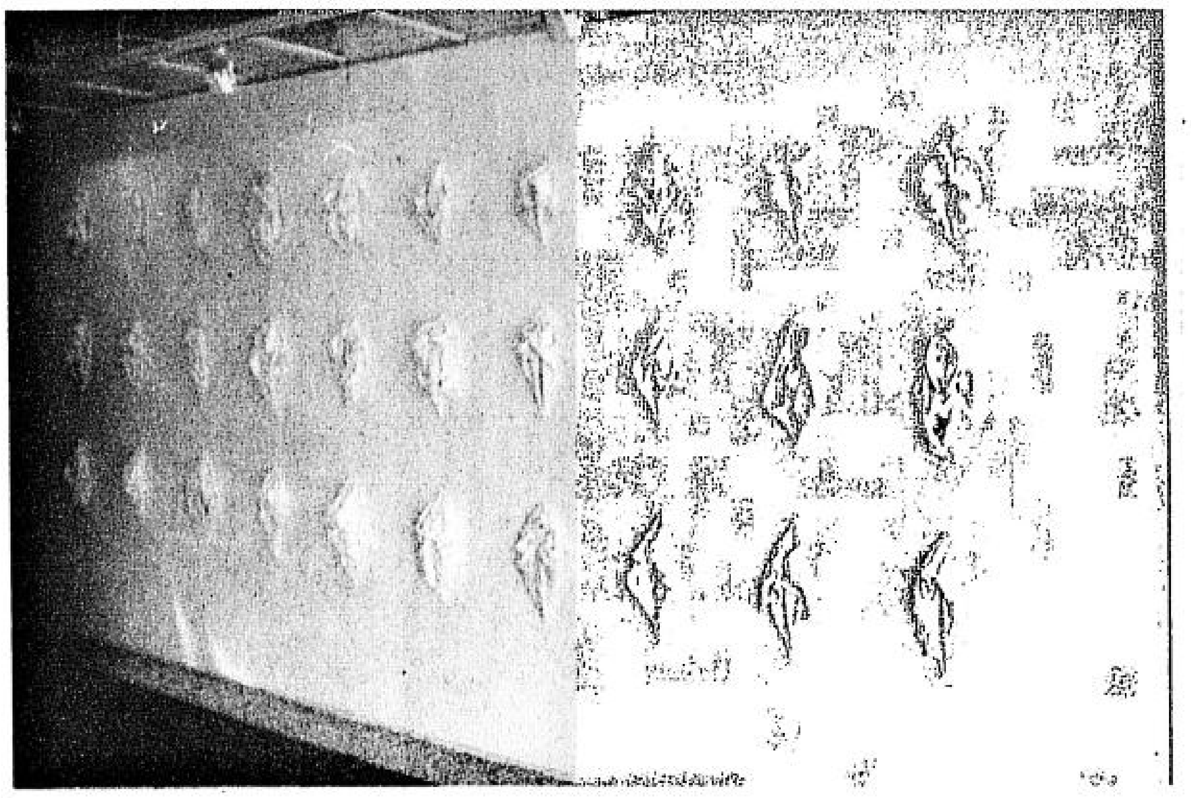


"NORTHWIND"

But, is it art?

By Constantino C. Tejero

AS EARLY as 1913, Marcel Duchamp placed a bicycle wheel on a stool and displayed it as a work of art, and in 1917, he sent a porcelain public urinal to an art show, and thus introduced the concept of the ready-made.

In the '70s, installations became a vogue, generating among artists a craze for found objects and a mania for collecting mass-produced articles.

And still, when local gallery-goers find such stuff in art galleries, they are perplexed to the extreme. Many are disturbed by the sheer insolence, this intrusion in hallowed ground.

Questions naturally arise, if only on their minds: What are these things doing in this room? In what way can they be considered artistic? What does the so-called artist want to achieve?

And, unable to voice their inchoate thoughts and feelings, they fall into pretending to love that which they cannot understand.

At least, they have been provoked into investigating the real issue here: What is art? (Nobody, of course, can answer that question single-handed, and no one is expected to solve the problem overnight.)

In a grand gesture of confronting the issue, Alfredo Juan Aquilizan presents "Black/White," 10 installations and 28 drawings, until Sept. 21 in The Drawing Room, Metrostar Building, 1007 Metropolitan Ave., Makati City.

If we are to look for someone who can clarify these things to us, we have found our man. Aquilizan also teaches art. It is artists like him who enrich the local art scene.

With a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Philippine Women's University, he took further studies in the University of the Philippines and in the Art Students League of New York, and got his master's from Norwich School of Arts and Design in England. He has been representing the country in numerous art exhibitions abroad, including the Biennale di Venezia last year.

Draftsmanship and concept

Billed as one in a series of exhibits that focus on chroma and explore "the possibilities of hue, objects, shape, texture, space and its relation to contemporary culture," this show comprises achromatic pieces selected from the artist's previous works. (Some of the installations had been exhibited in England, Paris, Havana, Fukuoka, Southeast Asia, Australia.)

A simultaneous exhibit is the artist's "New Paintings," 10 large vivid abstracts in acrylic and mixed media on canvas, until Aug. 19 in Galleria Duemila at the Artwalk, 4/L, Bldg. A, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City.

The drawings are conventional enough. Aquilizan's draftsmanship belies the usual snide remark that those who do installations or Conceptual Art are people who cannot draw.

The big piece in Sumi ink on paper is a vigorous sketch of massive male anatomy reminiscent of a Michelangelo titan. The rest, in charcoal and pencil on paper, are finely textured studies in form and spatial relations, dimensionality and perspective, shading and blending.

Aquilizan says he wasn't thinking of any object while doing these pieces, and the strokes are spontaneous. Still the viewer can make out plant forms, the shapes of lanceolate leaves, embryonic leaves, seeds, nuts, a tuber or onion bulb, and even a rift of light, a dirigible, the vulva.

What may raise the hackles of ordinary gallery-goers are the installations. These consist of ready-mades (to be distinguished from found objects), such as used toothbrushes, drinking glass, light bulb, kettle, arranged and installed in the gallery like objects of veneration.

How then does any of these objects become art? Duchamp insists it doesn't matter who made the articles, but the fact that someone has selected and put them on display as art objects is all.

Aquilizan himself arranges these banal objects in new and surprising ways so that they acquire the mystique of religious relics. "Bullshit," for instance, is nothing but a light bulb etched with the word *bullshit*, but the way it is placed on an acrylic panel with its text lighted from below gives it a certain aura it can't have if put in a socket on the ceiling.

Meaning and metaphor

"An object by itself has metaphors," says Aquilizan. "It is pregnant with meaning. It can trigger memory. Most especially familiar objects."

Such is "Northwind," 30 white baby sweaters fixed in three rows on the white wall. The artist bought them, a sweater a day, from a second-hand shop in Norfolk the time he left his wife and newborn in Manila to study in England. Without knowing this back story, the viewer can still feel a twinge while staring at these frail items which conjure a baby in the cold.

"Don't Lose Your Head" is just a drinking glass etched with the title of the piece and placed on a lighted acrylic shelf. The luminous object alludes to the nights in England when the artist and his buddies would quaff pints and pints of beer.

Here banal objects are seen in a fresh way. "In Memory" is an aluminum kettle flattened to a sheet and mounted on a metal part of a ventilator then framed with wood planks. A pencil drawing on paper of the kitchen utensil before it was crushed by the wheel of the artist's car has been integrated into the piece.

"1 x 1 in White" is five acrylic sheets filled with rows of 1" x 1" color ID photos fixed with push pins then hung in reverse on the wall. From a distance they look like a lepidopterist's hoard, until one gets closer and is surprised to see faces of people.

"I'm just playing with shape and texture here," says Aquilizan. "A little alteration in the object changes the perception of the viewer."

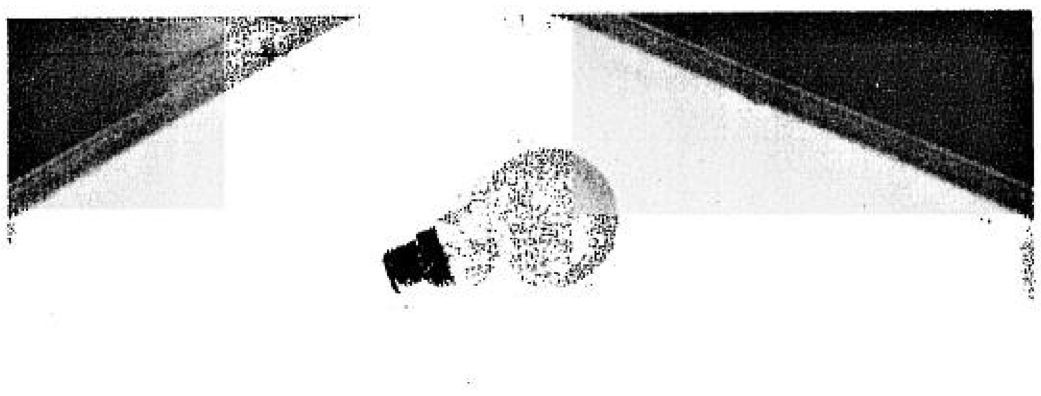
The most outrageous of the installations consist of the most banal objects. Yet they can be eloquent, even profound.

"Juan Sta. Maria," framed with acrylic sheet and hung on the wall, is a used toothbrush with white handle and black brushes, the previous owner's name written in black pentel pen along the handle.

This, says Aquilizan, betrays the man's character. "In my years of collecting used toothbrushes, I have known human behavior. Some owners are shy. One had his toothbrush wrapped in several layers of plastic. It is all about identity."

"It's basically about identity," the artist summarizes the whole show. "It's a postcolonial theme."

See? It's not beyond human comprehension, after all.



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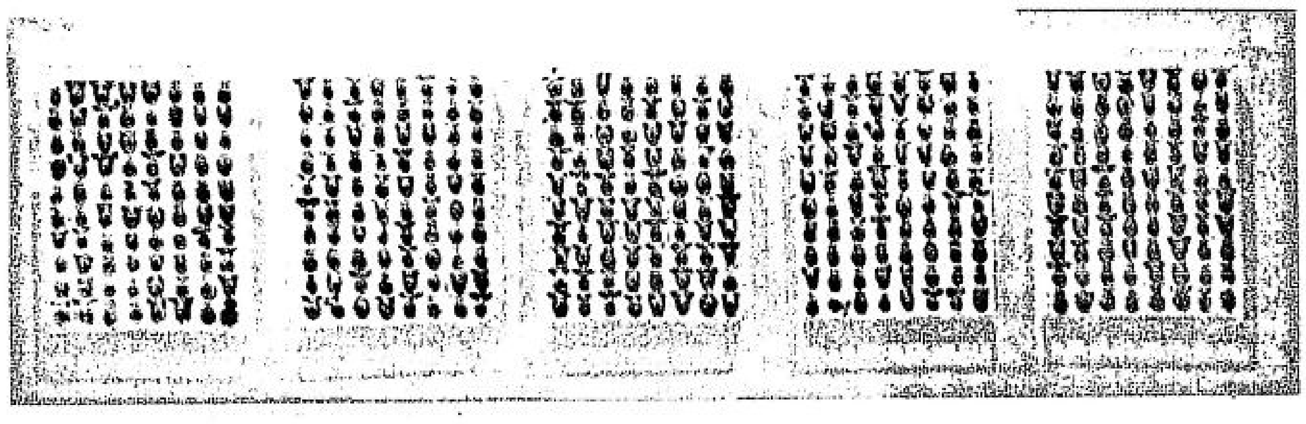
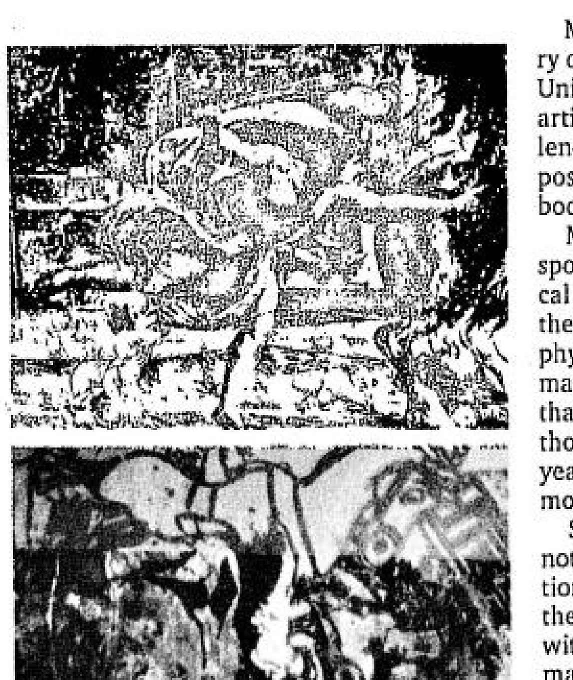


"1X1 in White"

5 artists toast new anatomies

A MULTI-ARTIST show at Greenbelt 3 at the Ayala Center in Makati, "Neo Corpo" celebrates the human form made in God's image. It brings together Bruihn, Rafael del Casal, R.M. de Leon, Gerri Dueñas and Ronald Ventura. It is curated by Juana Manahan with the collaboration of Firma, Makati. The show opens on Sept. 16 at 6 p.m.



"RAPHAEL Series," by R.M. de Leon

"CEZRICS Batch3," by Bruihn

Manahan, who is taking up History of Art with Material Studies at the University College, London, said the artists were chosen for their "excellence in draughtsmanship and composition given the theme of the body."

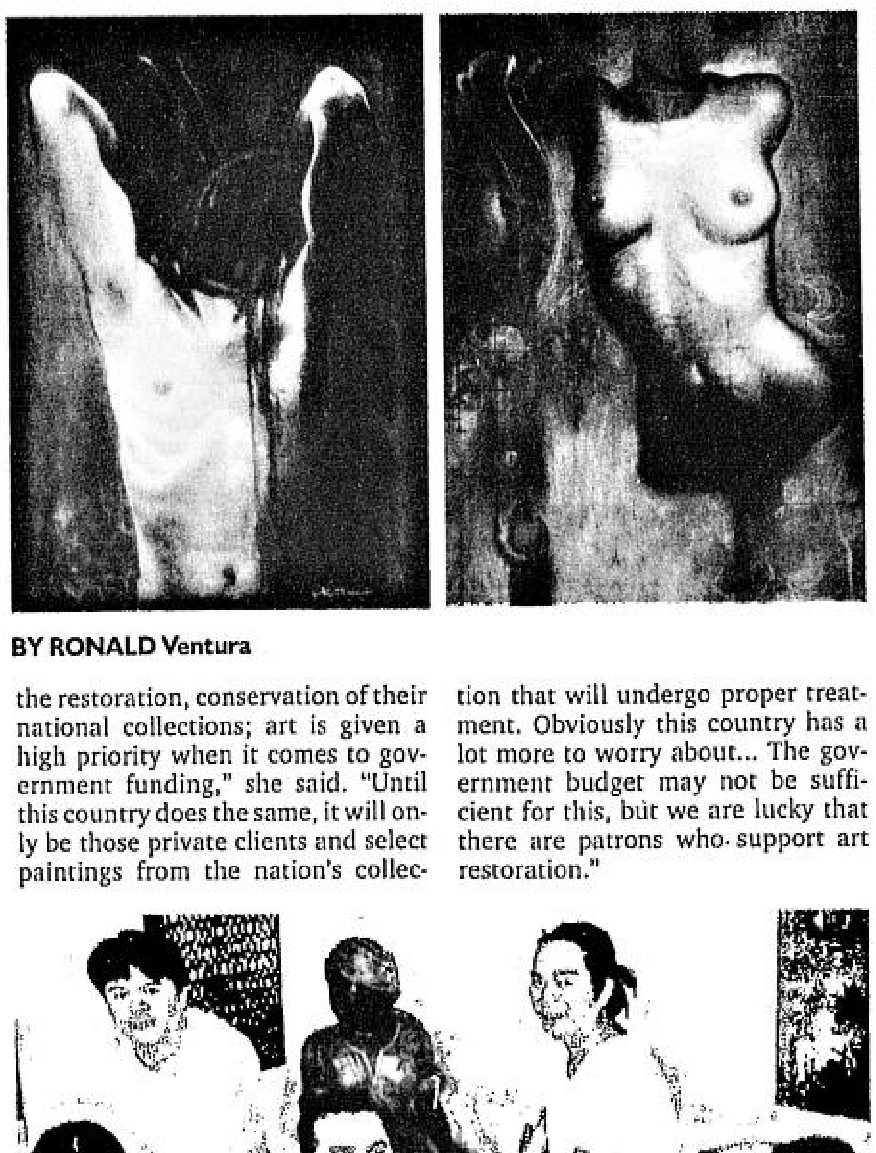
Manahan said that although a sponsor of the show is the Belo Medical Group, a leading cosmetic clinic, the show "has nothing to do with the physical alteration of the actual human body, but rather with the way that the human body has been thought of and reinterpreted over the years by different artists and different movements."

She further explained: "This had nothing to do with altering liposuction and breast implants, but rather the canon of proportion changing with new ideals of beauty and mathematical advances regarding proportion."

Aside from curatorship, Manahan has taken a special interest in conservation and art history. In her first year at University College, she completed a course under Bromwyn Ormsby, a restorer for the Tate Museum. In subsequent years she finished basic methods and materials classes of European artists and courses on paint analysis and preventive conservation. In the painting analysis unit, she was trained to look at pigments in paintings to help determine authenticity, learned different methods of conservation and restoration, and planning for museums and art institutions.

She said that conservation and restoration are skills needed in the Philippines.

"Other countries invest money in the restoration, conservation of their national collections; art is given a high priority when it comes to government funding," she said. "Until this country does the same, it will only be those private clients and select paintings from the nation's collection that will undergo proper treatment. Obviously this country has a lot more to worry about... The government budget may not be sufficient for this, but we are lucky that there are patrons who support art restoration."



BY RONALD Ventura

JUANA Manahan, De Leon, Bruihn, Ventura and Gerri Dueñas

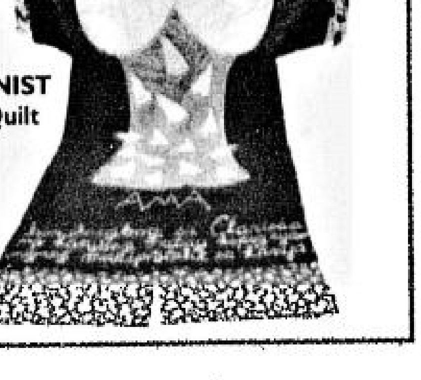
Quinto exhibit at UST

IN "SOFT Dreams and Bed Stories," Alma Quinto, an artist and art educator who advocates women empowerment, mobilizes fiber and foam and reforms them to produce works that signify what she describes as "the struggle of memory against forgetting."

Her works have playful and dreamlike qualities. They are interactive to a certain extent, but essentially tragic and critical, composed of tapestries, installations and soft sculptures of toys culled from Philippine mythology and folk stories, and a bed, shaped in the form of the *babaylan* or ancient priestess.

This exhibition was shown in Cuba last October, where Quinto was the only Filipino artist invited to the prestigious Octa Biennale de Habana. It is also its homecoming, after an invitational exhibition at the Henie Onstad Kunstsenter, Norway last February.

"Soft Dreams and Bed Stories" will be launched Sept. 17, 6 p.m., at the UST Museum of Arts and Sciences, Main Building, University of Santo Tomas, España, Manila, and will run until Oct. 29.

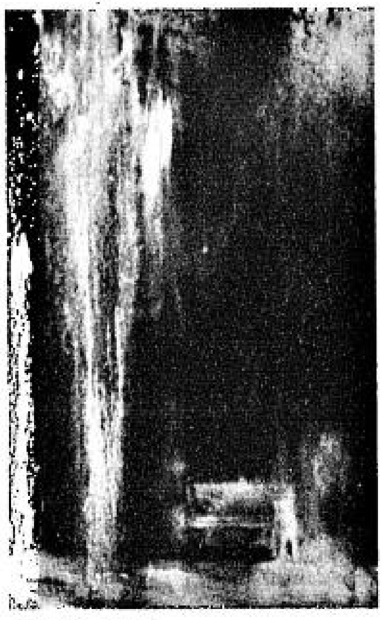


FEMINIST Quilt

Art in ultrasound

By Jessica Jalandoni-Robillos
Contributor

Exciting young artist Buen Calubayan transforms his home into a searing installation of self-searching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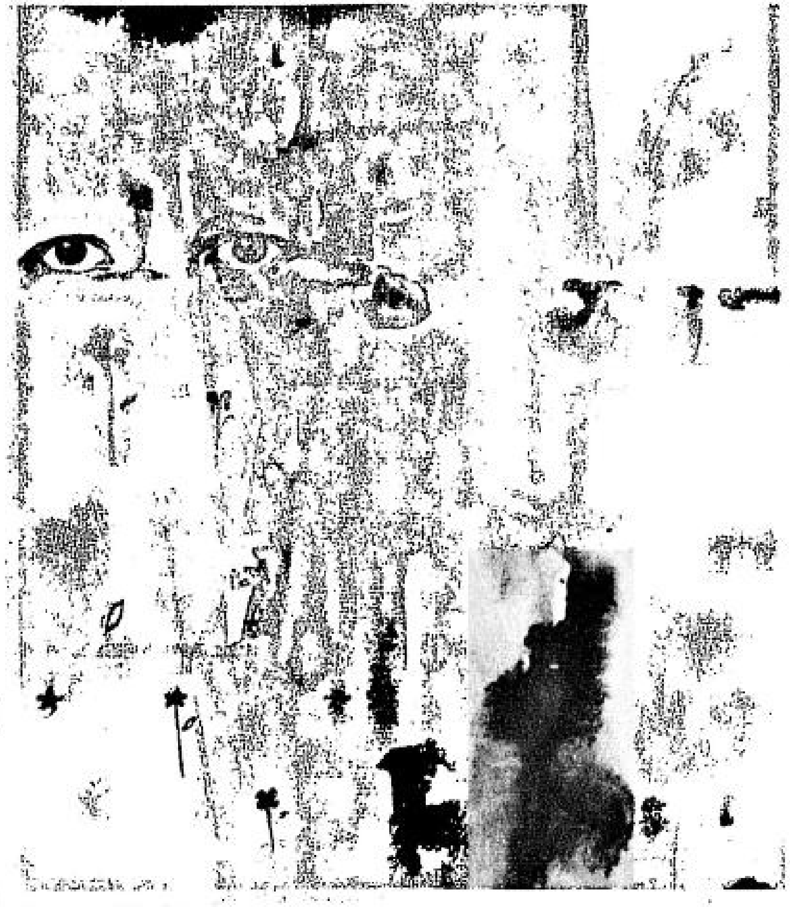
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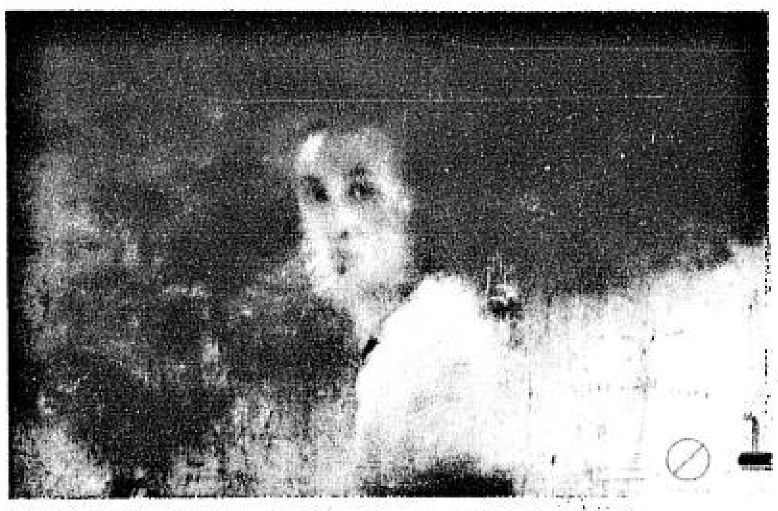
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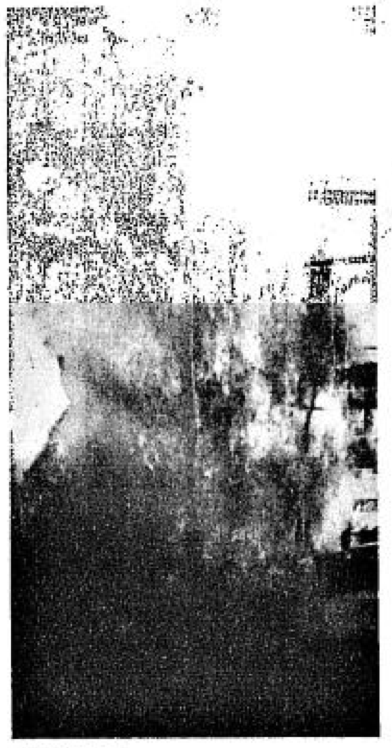
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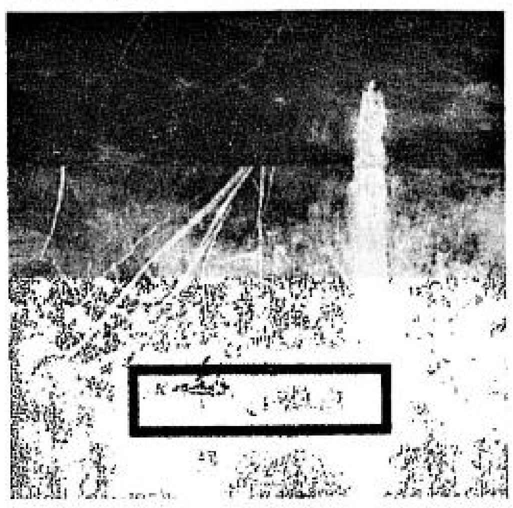
"UNFULFILLED"

DURING gestation, expectant mothers are advised to listen to classical music to enhance the fetus' brain development. Some actually place headphones against their swollen bellies to bring the enriching melodies closer to the growing being.

This is beneficial even after the child is born. There are several alternatives, though. One of them is womb sound, a recording of what the infant would have been lulled with while in the uterine confines. It is actually a muffled combination of the mother's heartbeat and gurgling digestive tract. Not exactly comforting, but it does just that. In duplicating the orchestra of the internal organs, the baby is supposedly enveloped once more in security.

This has been simulated by Buen Calubayan, who earned his Fine Arts degree at the University of Sto. Tomas and now teaches there. In his studio, what an artist would otherwise call home, he has set up an artistic womb of sorts and mounted an exhibit that runs through September dubbed "Walang Koro."

Hyper-real atmosphere

Calubayan's space is a structure behind that of his landlord's home. Its lower level is concrete and the upper, wooden. That it is in La Loma, with *lechon* and the cemetery in such close quarters, gives one a sense of the hyper-real.

Here, he conceives his art. It is dark, save for the spotlight trained on the central showpiece. One is assaulted by noise from a hidden source. It seems it is a recording made in the course of a jeepney ride. Horns blaring, mufflers chortling, the "*Para*..." of passengers at their stops.

What of his progeny then, if his womb's sound is the city's din?

He utilizes the walls, the ceiling and even the floor, his use of space very much like an enveloping uterus. "Jelo Submarine" is what he calls his alternative atelier, playful yet still allusive to a womb.

In the middle of the room is a dilapidated wooden chair. Opposite this is a box-type framed piece suspended by nylon strings from the ceiling. Layers of plaster of paris give it a swathed appearance. A placenta perhaps? This parceled look is magnified by wire twisted around at different angles.

The floor is covered with charcoal, sometimes scratched to serve as a writing tablet for Calubayan's occasional poetry. His mother visited him once, and he arrived to find that the cement had been scrubbed clean.

The artist says his art is a protest against everything. The chair is empty because it stands for the unattainable, a position everyone wants, the place where each person wants to be.

The mixed media work is so wrapped because underneath it is something that should be seen, but the viewer is denied a peek. One may associate a protectiveness to this, like that of a parent.

All these are part of an outlook strongly laced with Dadaism.

"Dada" is the French word for hobbyhorse, the name having been chosen by its inventor after random flipping through the pages of a dictionary. The movement began as a protest against the First World War. Writers and artists eventually broadened its scope, resulting in the repudiation of conventional art and writing, to a point where everyday things were deemed *objets d'art*.

Among the common Dada performances was the simultaneous recitation of varied written works. Thus, the resulting chorus was cacophony, incomprehensible.

Defying convention

Calubayan's titling of his works is Dadaistic. Still, his executions cannot be seen as an exegesis of Dadaism. Not all of them defy convention, as in those that hang against the walls and up at the ceiling.

On wood, with edges purposely chipped by hand, is "White." Through the haze of white, mottled earth tones and a few strokes of red is a Rubenesque nude.

In "Tribute to Hail," the mottled theme pervades, filling the whole canvas with moss green, vermillion, ochres, siennas and black. Again, phantom-like is the figure of a man. He appears about to fade, blend into, or on the other hand, emerge out of, the blur. On the left side are eyes with brows afloat, their stare penetrating.

The same wraith's eyes, without brows this time, are in "Dead Wish." Done in watercolor, brighter than most of his works, the pale blues and lively yellows tinged with orange, purple and a few scattered small black flowers, are an anathema to the melancholic gaze and the work's title.

With "Untitled," Buen seems to subscribe to Hinduism. A wooden bench like a short church pew is seen at the base of what may be a huge tree trunk. According to him, although the seat is the focal point to the viewer, it is forlorn and alone.

When asked to expound on his compositions, he demurs and says that explaining is difficult. But at other times, he tells of varied stimuli such as the passing away of his father or past courtships.

Strangely, the same man who subscribes to defying the parameters of convention is also adept in classical traditions.

In this exhibition, he reveals his many facets. Definitely, Calubayan is an eclectic artist. His style cannot be pinned down. Suffice to say that he has done what he most wants to: refute the charge that abstraction is an excuse for those not skilled in the figurative, by combining his streaks and splotches with the representational.

Art, he says, is his soul. Thus he gives birth to formidably organic pieces of art, despite the supposedly chaotic gestational soup they had been nurtured in.

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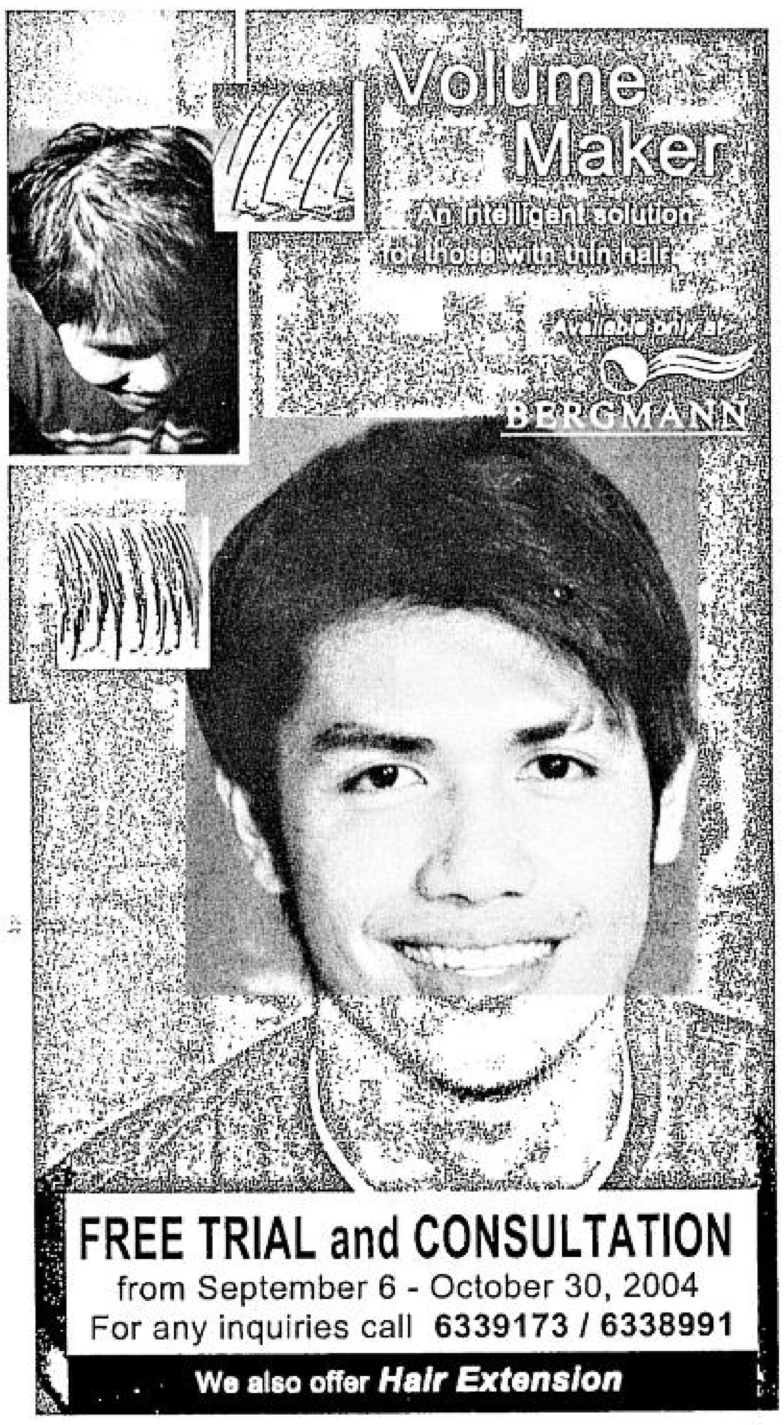

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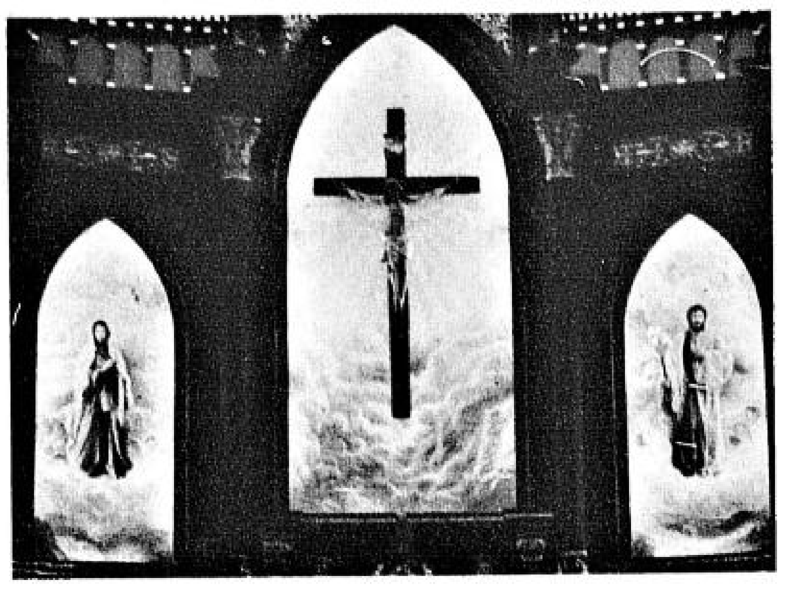
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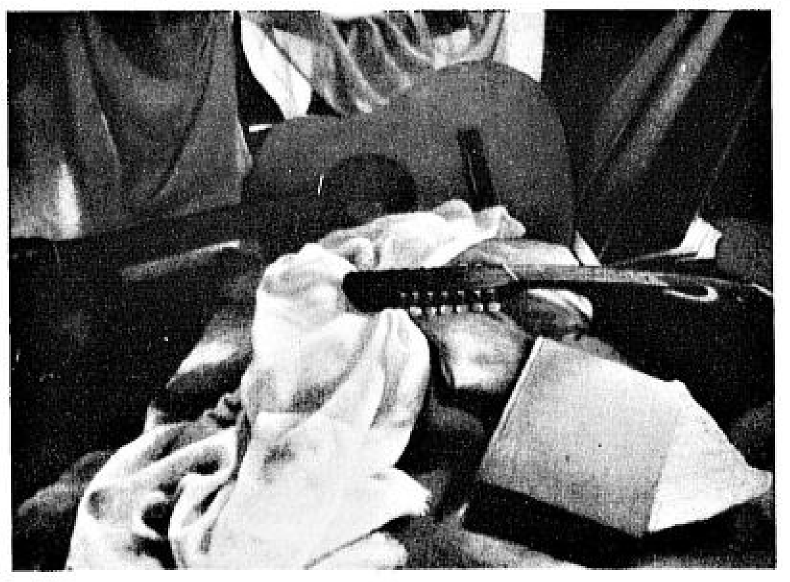
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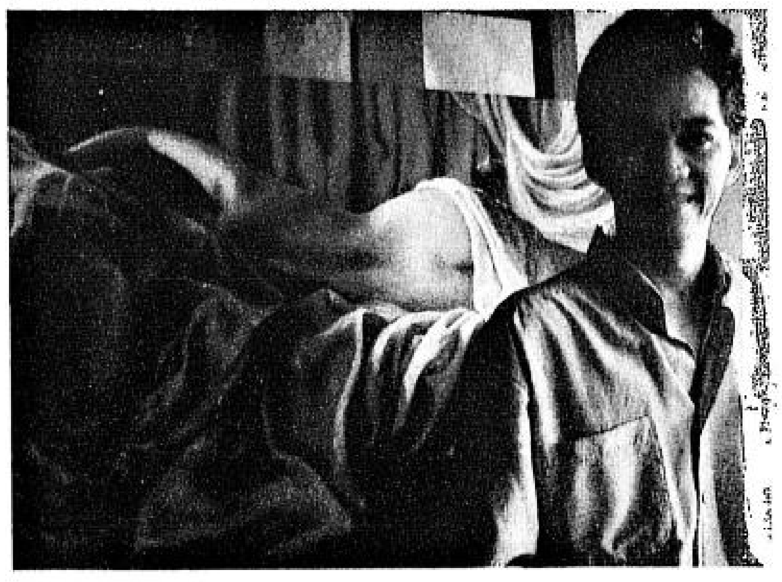

OMI Reyes with his Nude painting

Swept away by his musical muse

By Gino Dormiendo
Contributor

In his new exhibit, Omi Reyes presents a suite of paintings that dramatizes the innate power of music for healing and regeneration

"Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."
—Berthold Auerbach

AFTER two decades of fervid activity, the artist Romeo (more popularly known as "Omi") Reyes has finally chosen his musical muse as the unifying theme for his new oeuvre in his 13th solo exhibition.

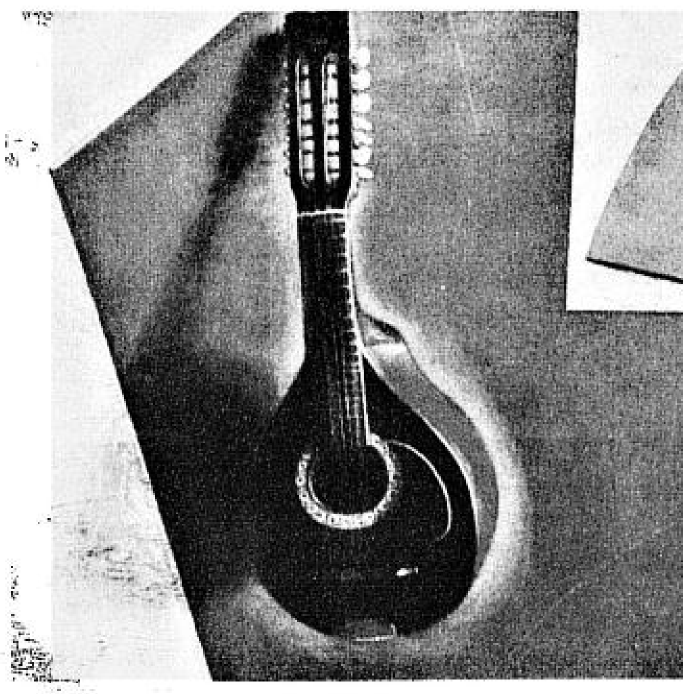
Unknown to his friends and colleagues, the artist has always had an ear for good music, the kind that is originally written or composed for a particular instrument. That was of course before painting got the better of him.

This, the artist is wont to admit, is borne out of a strong affinity with various musical instruments, the stringed group particularly, such as the violin and the guitar, which he is able to play with remarkable dexterity. A daughter, now in her teens, is equally adept with the guitar, and it is not unusual for the father and daughter to casually embark on a familial concert of sorts in the Reyes home.

Endearing imagery

It is in this show, billed "Omi's Symphony (Reborn By Music)," (Art Space, 3/F, Glorietta Bldg., Ayala Center, Makati City, until Sept. 22), that Reyes has been able to harness the innate power of music to refresh the soul, with a suite of paintings that dramatizes the function of healing and regenerating the mind, body and spirit.

For many years, until his last show a couple of years ago, Reyes has spun endearing imagery of the still-life and the landscape as lofty, indeed religious, subjects to explore in his canvases. In fact, a recent project was the mural of a huge retablo at the main altar of the Holy Family Church in Quezon City, the making of which proved to be a truly ennobling experience for the painter.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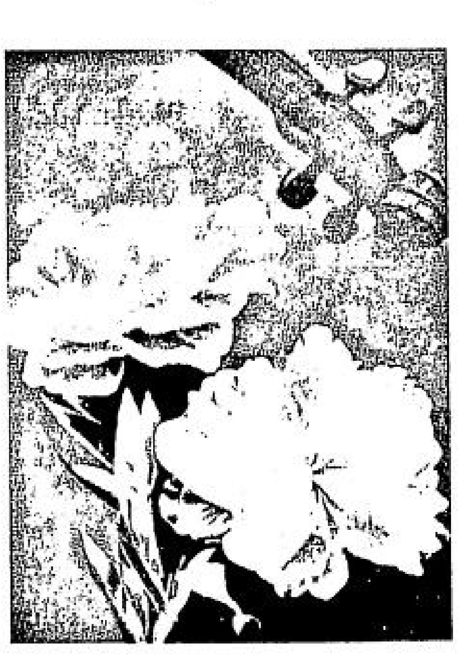
"HERE'S To My Lady"

In the canvases, invariably subsumed by their predominantly musical orientation as dramatized by the presence of the violin and the guitar (with the saxophone vying for attention, too), Reyes has created a life-enhancing environment, the milieu filled not with the obligatory clutter of CDs and karaoke hardware, but with he quiet company of violin, sheaves of musical notations underneath or beside it, the softly billowing sheets strewn around, and the drapery on the windows fluttering in the wind.

Here, amid this musical corner the artist calls sanctuary, Reyes invites the spectator to commune with the muse simply by touching the artifacts on table tops, or listening to the melodies as they waft through the air.

The random grouping of these objects—the subdued symmetry of instruments vis-à-vis the untamed clutter of these surrounding fixtures, drapes and all—clearly establishes a nook in the home where space is a luxury and music a welcome diversion, if it is not a familial passion that binds the Reyes family.

Visually alluring

What makes the works visually alluring is the dramatic massing of the chromatic values, creating a chiaroscuro of deep earth hues, terra cottas, mauves, browns and beiges. The artist's penchant for terra cotta is echoed by the ubiquitous earthen jars bearing the slinky figures of animals embossed on their surface.

What is most pronounced is the quality of illumination in these compositions, a rare kind of drama taking place simply between light and shadow, the magisterial presence of music dominating the otherwise quiet surroundings.

One must be reminded that Reyes is and has always been a fervid colorist, but his palette seems to have finally ripened, and so has the brushwork that is unerring in exactitude and mellifluous in its movement.

Twenty years of non-stop artistic activity have done wonders for the artist who has long dabbled in florals and landscapes, and still does, but with the kind of ease and fluidity that have set him apart from commercially aligned craftsmen. Having worked for many years as resident artist of the now-defunct Alegria, he later hooked up with Pintanaw, a close-knit group of artists, many of whom paint in the realistic genre.

It is in this September show that Reyes has indeed come of age, an epiphany that, purified by the trials and triumphs that came his way, has finally reached its climactic stage. With music as lover, muse and inspiration, he has captured the distillation of art, echoing the message of Kahlil Gibran: "the soul of music is of the spirit, and her mind is of the heart."

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Veneracion at West, Gorospe at Finale, Badajos at Podium, Cabangis and Dolorican at Mag:Net

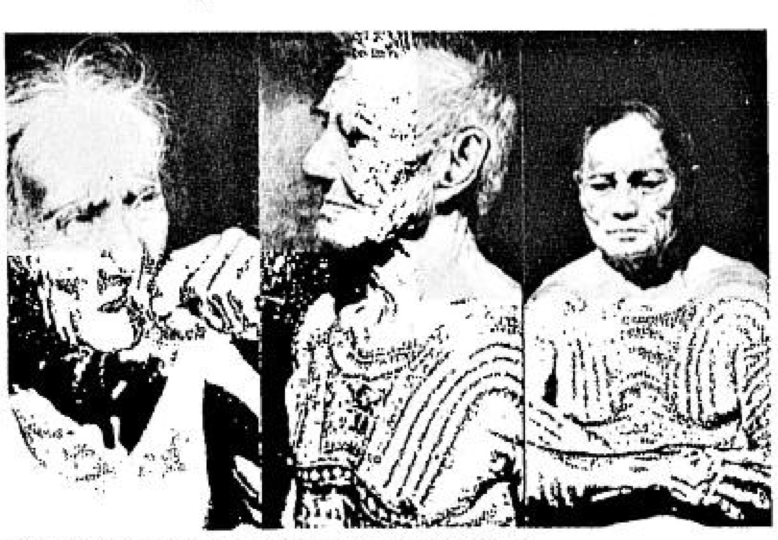
VISUAL ARTS

WEST Gallery features Roy Veneracion's "Chakras: The Regions of Power" on Sept. 16-28 at Glorietta 4, level 3, Ayala Center, Makati. Combining abstraction, spiritual-metaphysical meditation and deep psychological penetration, Veneracion takes viewers into a dreamlike world that may be a product of the suppressed unconscious. Call 7527028.

FINALE Art Gallery presents Waling Waling Gorospe's "Cultural Foreground" on Sept. 14-26 at 4/L, Megamall A. The artist focuses on riveting images of cultural minorities, the elders of Kalinga and Basao. Call 6342410.

HAGONOY artist Nilo Badajos will mount a show of recent works at the lobby of The Podium on Sept. 15-21. An apprentice of Romulo Galicano, Badajos has carved his own niche as an impressionist painter of rustic landscapes, seashore, sunset and farmfolk. A member of Bulacan's Lakan Sining, he's a figurative painter in the classical tradition who paints gentle rural scenes being eroded by industrialization. His show is organized by the Art Circle. Call 6333659 or 09202638463.

"TO Your Unconscious Hallucinatory State," by Roy Veneracion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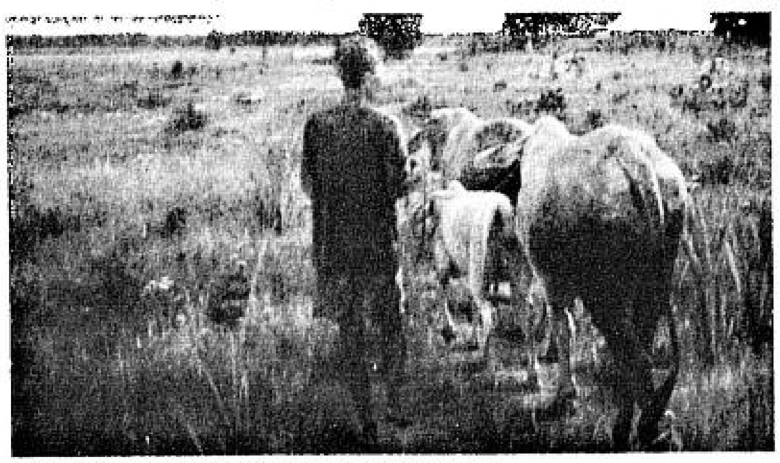

"PAUWI Mula Sa Pastulan," by Nilo Badajos

NEIL Doloricon holds "Alamat" at Mag:Net Quezon City (EJL Center, ABS-CBN Compound; 4100995). The social realist shows rubbercut prints exploring contemporary issues. Recognized for his sharp visual allegories of prevailing social realities, Doloricon now explores the potential of traditional Philippine myths to convey social and historical issues.

BENJAMIN Isla Cabangis, meanwhile, presents new abstracts at Mag:net Gallery Makati (Paseo de Roxas and Sedeno St.; 8177895). "Imprint" testifies to the artist's explorations of texture as a formal signifier of memory, historical allusions, and nostalgia. The artist applies various two-dimensional and sculptural processes from the traditional technique of glazing to more contemporary recourses, such as scraping, incising, and producing imprints on canvas.

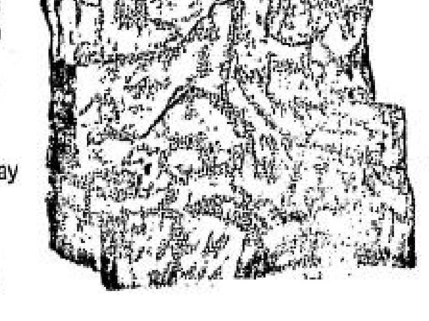
SHANGRI-LA Plaza's Art Plaza is holding the one-man show of Parket Encisa until Sept. 23. It will be followed by "Quadro," an exhibit by Norman Dreo, Offe Maria, Harris Bagtas and Aner Sebastian from Sept. 24 to Oct 6. The exhibits are held at the Artistree of Art Plaza on level 4. Call 6337851.

GALERIA de las Islas mounts "Buhay Pinoy sa Kahoy" by Frank Gajo and Fred Lava until Sept. 28 at the third floor, Silahis Center, 744 Gen. Luna St. Intramuros, Manila. The exhibit features the artists' recent works using Philippine hardwood in rendering Philippine scenes, genre figures and religious icons.

NINA Chanco Libatique recently mounted an exhibition of works entitled "Being/Not Seen, a Myopic Reality Series" at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. The exhibit revolved around the concept of constructing/creating paintings that also function as projection tools.

ON-THE-SPOT painting sessions with the Painters Club of the Philippines have been a regular activity of Galeria de las Islas. The artists who participated in the recently held session were Jes Garcia, Domeng Labordo, Roland Santos, Nik Masangcay Jr. and Ronald Cortez. Galeria de las Islas is open to all interested parties who would like to sponsor the group in an on-the-spot painting session. Call 5272113 or e-mail galeria@silahis.com.

ART INFORMAL (277 Connecticut St., Greenhills East) will hold the workshop, "The Visual Alphabet: A Basic Understanding of the Visual Elements for Greater Appreciation of the Visual Language." Artist Jose John Santos III will facilitate the lecture-workshop starting Sept. 18. The workshop will run for eight Saturdays until Nov. 6. Call 7258518 or e-mail artinformal@yahoo.com.


"JOSE," by Frank Gajo

AND THE WINNERS are... The team leaders hold up their winning pieces.

PHOTOS BY ROGER CARPIO

JUDGES Jill Quimpo-Paredes, editor of Art Attack Magazine, Nina Lim-Yuson, Museo Pambata executive director, and architect Bong Recio get some last-minute briefing from organizer Rita Neri (second from right).

Art Attack comes to town

ART Attack, the popular show on Disney Channel, is now in a magazine.

Some 40 teams representing different schools joined the Big Art Attack competition last Sept. 4. The competition marks the launch of the magazine "Art Attack Magazine," which is available in all National Bookstores and is published by Marathon Publishing Co. Inc., via a licensing agreement with Fun Characters Inc., the marketing licensee of the Walt Disney Co.

Twenty teams were chosen during the first phase of the Big Art Attack competition at the Ramon Magsaysay Center. These teams will move on to the second phase on Sept. 18 at the Museo Pambata, where 10 teams will be chosen to compete in the Big Art Attack finals at the Alabang Town Center on Oct. 2. At stake is P100,000 worth of prizes.

The competition. is supported by Smart Kid, Del Monte Pizza Sauce, National Bookstore, Sunkist, Selecta Moo Milk, Swift and Baby Magazine. It is organized by Rita Neri.

The Magsaysay Center turned into a mini-art gallery, as the various artworks were put on display. The judges, led by architect Bong Recio, Museo Pambata executive director Nina Lim-Yuson and Art Attack editor Jill Quimpo-Paredes said they were impressed with the works of the children, who used recycled materials.

To further tap into the creative talents of Filipino children, a mini arts and crafts session was held with Arlene Sin and Jun Gonzales.

The Big Art Attack competition is expected to instill the value of recycling in children by requiring them to use common materials and reusable ones.

'Madame Butterfly' in ballet premieres Sept. 16

CHOREOGRAPHY is by Thomas Pazik.

THE PHILIPPINE Ballet Theatre is set to enthrall ballet lovers yet again with the full-length ballet "Madame Butterfly" at the CCP this September.

Choreographed by Thomaz Pazik to the music of Giacomo Puccini's opera, the production will feature the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of its newly installed musical director, Eugene Frederick Castillo.

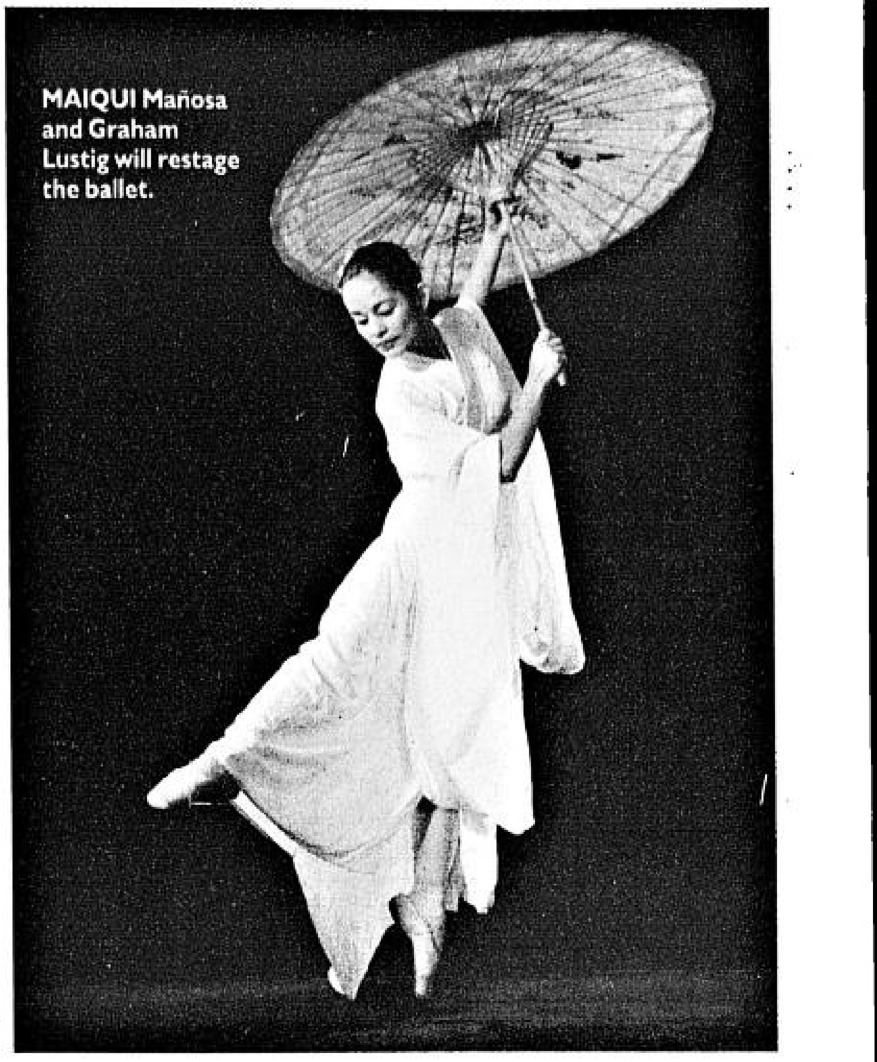
World-renowned Filipina ballerina Maiqui Mañosa returns to the Philippines with Graham Lustig to restage the ballet for the PBT. Lustig is an award-winning and internationally recognized choreographer and teacher, whose ballets have been performed in four continents.

"Madame Butterfly" is the story of a young geisha's love for an American naval officer and his ultimate betrayal.

Pazik choreographed the ballet and had his favorite dancer, Maiqui Mañosa, dance the lead role of Cio-Cio San during its world premiere in Manila in 1991. On his death bed, he bequeathed the ballet to Maiqui, who promised him that she'd let it be known by the world.

"Madame Butterfly" opens at the CCP's Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo on Sept. 16 at 8 p.m. The show will run until Sept. 19, with matinee shows on Sept. 18 and 19 at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at the CCP Box Office, TicketWorld and the PBT for P600 (orchestra center), P500 (orchestra side), P200 (balcony I), and P100 (balcony II). Upper box tickets are P1,000, lower box P2,000 and partierre boxes are P4,000. Students get a 50-percent discount on orchestra and box seats, while senior citizens get 20-percent off.

Call the PBT office at 6328848, the CCP Box Office at 8321125 loc. 1409 or TicketWorld at 8919999.



MAIQUI Mañosa and Graham Lustig will restage the ballet.

This conductor plays the music of survival

By Pablo A. Tariman
Contributor

WITH the fiscal crisis, it is obvious that the country's national orchestra needs to tap investors to ensure its survival. And so asked what he would tell investors, new Philippine Philharmonic music director Eugene F. Castillo replied: "I will tell them that investment in the arts has existed since the beginning of time."

Castillo cited the words of Kenney inscripted on the tablets in the face of Kennedy Center, where he worked as conductor for the National Symphony for two years: "After the dust of centuries has passed over our cities, I believe that we too shall be remembered not for our defeats and victories in war or politics but for our contribution to the human spirit."

Castillo added: "So when Philippine Congress allocates something for the CCP and the PPO, they should do so in the firm belief in the power of the arts to immortalize Philippine culture forever."

Two months before the opening of the PPO season, Castillo has been rehearsing the orchestra and trying out new programs.

"It's been fantastic working with the orchestra," he said. "Everyone is willing to learn, we are getting to know each other better and we are having a nice time."

Before the PPO, Castillo conducted the San Miguel Philharmonic Orchestra for Cecile Licad. Castillo was an instant sensation in the all-Ravel orchestral assignment.

"His presence in Manila will make a big difference for the national orchestra," said Licad. "He is very musical, very precise and yet very innovative and daring. He is one of the most satisfying conductors I have worked with."

Before Castillo and Ruggero Barbieri, there was Oscar Yatco, now a German citizen based in Hannover; Francisco Feliciano (now a full-time educator and composer), occasionally Basilio Manalo (founder of Manila Symphony Orchestra II) and Chino Toledo (once with the Cebu Philharmonic).

The PPO was founded by violinist Luis Valencia only in 1973; it is only six years older than the Singapore Symphony.

Before this, the real gem of a Philippine orchestra was the Manila Symphony Orchestra (MSO); founded in 1932 by an Austrian, Alexander Lippay, and sustained before and after the Japanese Occupation by another Austrian, Herbert Zipper.

PHILIPPINE Philharmonic music director Eugene F. Castillo

But with state subsidy and regular venue given to PPO, the MSO died a natural death in the late '80s. The name was later acquired by a new ensemble of young players trained by Manalo who baptized the group as the MSO II.

Outside Metro Manila, the Cebu Philharmonic Orchestra (later named Peace Philharmonic) was formed. But because of financial problems, most of its members left for better pay at the SMPO. The MSO II and Peace Philharmonic have become inactive.

Another orchestra, the Manila Philharmonic Orchestra, founded by former PPO oboe player Rodel Colmenar, came into the picture with its members coming mainly from school orchestras and retirees from the PPO and MSO.

New blood

In between rehearsals, Castillo is upgrading the PPO website, planning to use the texting craze to improve musical education, and drawing up a PPO chamber series. He is also filling up vacancies with young but proficient string players. "It's very exciting because it's a chance to put new blood into those vacant chairs," he said.

Thus far, only the PPO (which has state subsidy) and San Miguel (which has solid corporate support) are assured of funding.

But the state subsidy for the CCP and its orchestra is running out and the national orchestra needs to tap other sources of funding. The CCP yearly allocation of P200 million has been reduced to P90 million, just enough to cover its operations.

Castillo says there is nothing new about orchestras facing funding problems.

"Any orchestra is faced with that, but I am optimistic," he said. "I think it was Sir George Solti (conductor of the Chicago Symphony) who remarked that the ideal orchestral situation is living on French money (government support), London audience and the Chicago Symphony. Someday, I'd like to be able to say that the ideal situation in Manila is French money, Manila audience and the Philippine Philharmonic."

The new PPO conductor wants more corporate support of music.

"One important thing to remember," he explained, " is that when a corporation or a firm lends its name in support of a worthy project like sustaining classical music in society or making children's concert available whatever the cost would be, the community will remember those more than the impact of a TV commercial or a print advertisement. For instance, when an Internet company decides to support the chamber series of the PPO and appeal to post-college audiences, they will most likely get clients from that sector. When a bank supports a children concert series or concerts for the disabled, they will remember that bank when their friends and relatives decide to open new accounts."

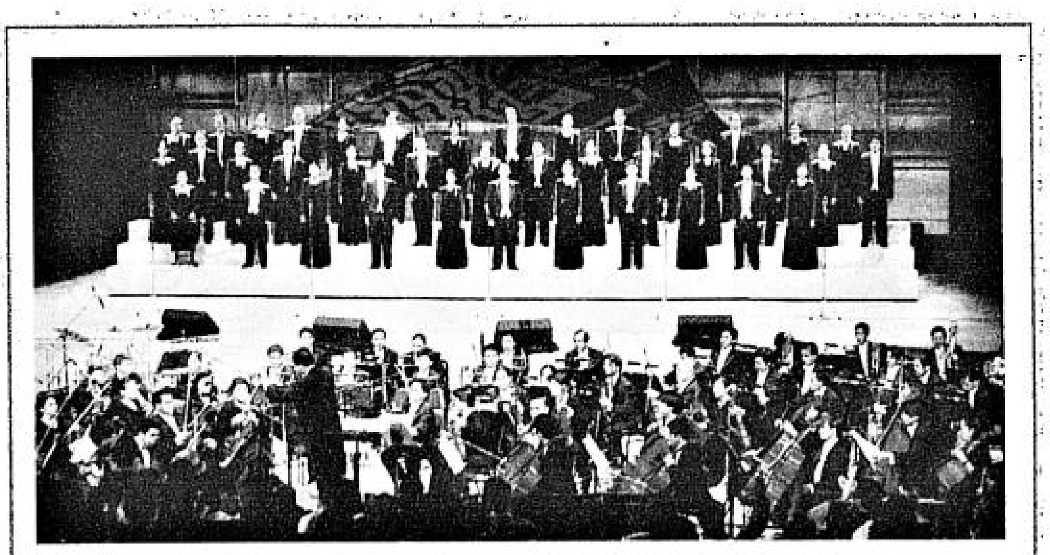
Told that concert attendance had not been encouraging, Castillo said that he had reached out to various sectors in Sacramento, especially to the young.

How then can a national orchestra attract the funding it deserves?

"The orchestra has to be accessible and should be doing things beyond the walls of the Cultural Center. I have mentioned our plans to perform for medical missions, annual concerts for peace in Mindanao and a chamber series for young college and post-college age. I am also planning ideas for rush-hour concerts for those stuck in traffic. They have to experience concerts in a demystified way. I will go ahead to show that the orchestra is not just for the elite. It is for the general public."

So what is in store for Manila's music lovers in the PPO season, which opened Sept. 10?

"You will find something a little bit new, a little bit unfamiliar, a little bit familiar and most of all, our beloved Filipino compositions old and new. If you come for Brahms, you will be excited by the (Angel) Pena. If you come for Benjamin Britten, you might end up falling in love with Moussorgsky. If you come for Beethoven, you might end up with a whole different view of English music and who Sir Michael Tippet was. They can expect to come for one thing and be surprised by the other. You can fall in love with the Brahms symphony all over again and hear Barber's Adagio for Strings in a new light no matter in how many movies you have heard it from."



THE SAN Miguel Master Chorale with the San Miguel Philharmonic Orchestra

Is the Pinoy artist global?

By Amadis Ma. Guerrero
Contributor

ASIAN artists are rising in the international scene. But how fares the Filipino artist? Why is he/she being left behind or, at least, not at the same level as other Asians?

These were the themes and issues panelists and audience (mostly students) grappled with during "Sining Taktakan," a monthly forum of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, held recently at the Grand Boulevard Hotel.

The resource speakers were National Artist Eddie Romero, the film director; sculptor Jose Tence-Ruiz, choreographer Enrico Labayen, who spent 35 years abroad; Cebu educator Flordeliza Abanto, and Eugene Castillo, incoming music director of the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra (PPO) and a Filipino-American from Sacramento, California.

Moderator Ed Cabagnot, who heads the CCP Film Division, set the tone when he declared that there is a "fantastic revival" in Asian arts, with Korean cinema landing on the covers of Time and Newsweek, and international sales of Asian movies on the upswing. After Avellana and then Brocka, Cabagnot asked, what happened to the Filipino artist?

In the ensuing interaction, a lot of reasons on why Pinoy artists are lagging behind below par surfaced.

For sculptor Tence-Ruiz, it all boils down to excellence and compromise: "We have our own idea of excellence. Working here immediately colors you. We should not compromise too much." He cited colleagues Ramon Orlina and Impy Pilapil for having produced innovative and significant works of international caliber. As for international awards, these tend to be "political" in nature.

Conductor Castillo called attention to the fact that many Filipino musicians have moved abroad and mentioned acclaimed soprano Rachelle Gerodias, who is now "auditioning all over Europe." He asked, "Why can't the PPO have artists flocking to it? Why are Filipinos flying away?"

"It's financial," Abanto said. "They don't get the breaks here. Some Filipinos are not ready for a higher form of art, so we have to educate them (the children) at an early age. Art has become avante-garde. The government has to step in."

To this, Tence-Ruiz noted that the government's CCP Outreach Program is "very significant." CCP vice president Nanding Josef confirmed that there is a very large government network in support of the arts "but kulang pa" (not enough). He called for "karangalan" (honor) in the arts, "self-love and love of others."

A member of the audience observed that there are outstanding Filipino artists who are a success abroad, like pianist Cecile Licad, tenor Otoniel Gonzaga, and singer Lea Salonga. But, by and large, Filipino artists still lack a "formula" that would make the international community sit up and take notice.

To this, Castillo indicated that Filipino artists lack "fire." He quoted from a favorite poem of Robert Frost: "*...From what I've tasted of desire/I hold with those who favor fire.*" And the conductor asked: "Where is the fire (of Filipino artists)?"

Choreographer Labayen lamented the "famine in good art," drew a distinction between art and entertainment: "Art can entertain but entertainment is not art."

Director Romero disagreed: "Art and entertainment do meet. If you influence only one person (through art or entertainment), that's all it needs. That person might be president (someday). I consider myself an entertainer, sometimes not very good. I can only do with what I have."

Warming up to his theses, Romero said "there's a new wave of globalization but globalization has always been around. The only value worth developing is self-reliance, self-respect. We have no shortage of talented people but we have not developed an audience (for films). Government should not just reduce taxes but eliminate all taxes, and pay the penalty. Government feels it is (movies are) entertainment, non-essential."

In the summing up, Labayen said "there is obvious discontent with ourselves. We are victims of racism and that's how they (the US? the advanced countries?) want it." Castillo opined that the forum opened "a can of worms. You feel frustrated, good. To think, explore, to be creative. You (students) have that."

Abanto urged critical thinking so as to correct wrongs, and raise "influence to a better level." Tence-Ruiz counseled patience, so that we will "see ourselves in the process." The achievements of our people (rice terraces) and other peoples (pyramids) should also be studied.

Romero intoned: "Self-evaluation is the beginning of creation."

And hopefully—someday if not soon—all this will make us competitive with the other Asian artists who are now, almost en masse, reaping laurels in the international scene?

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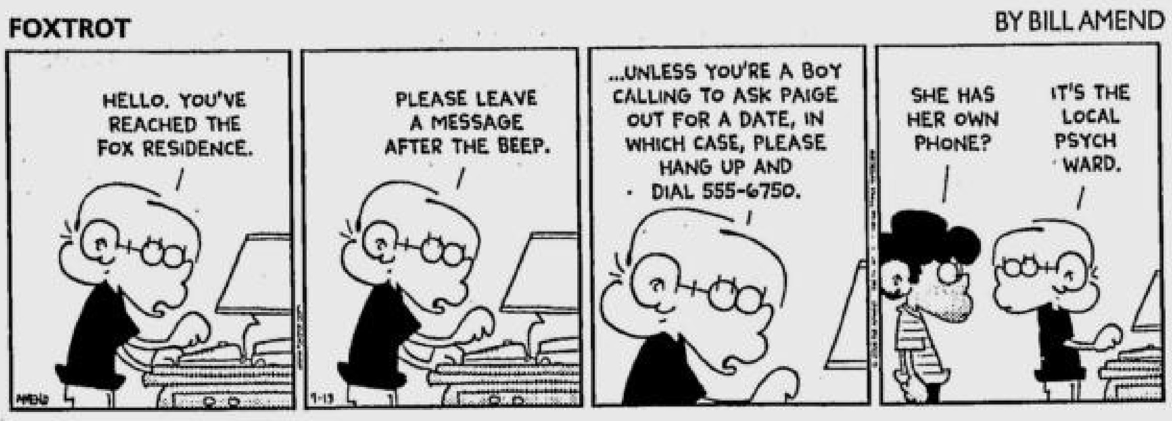
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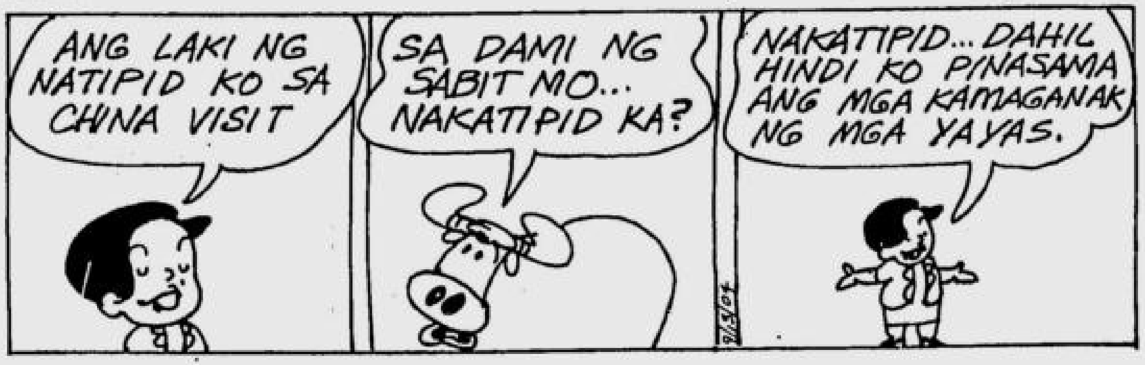
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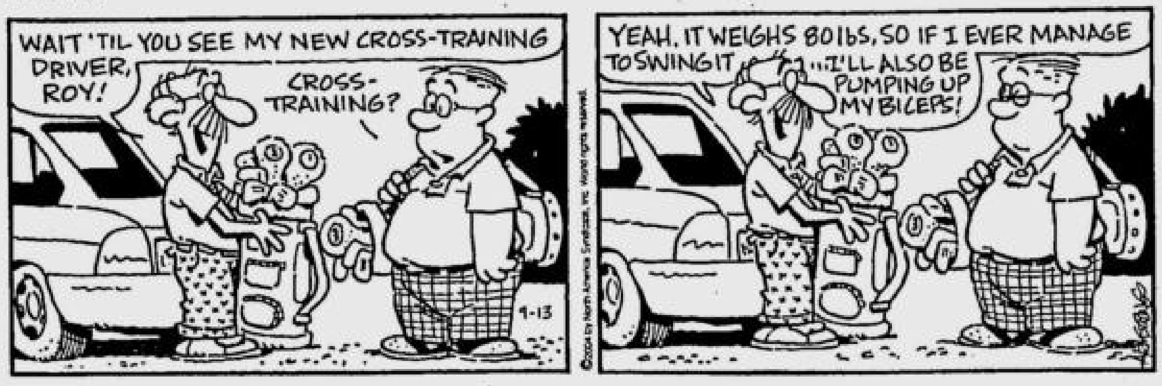
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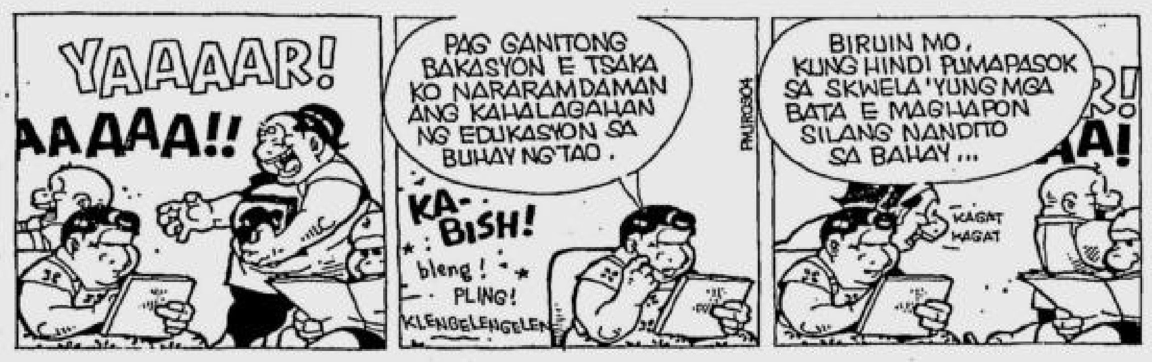
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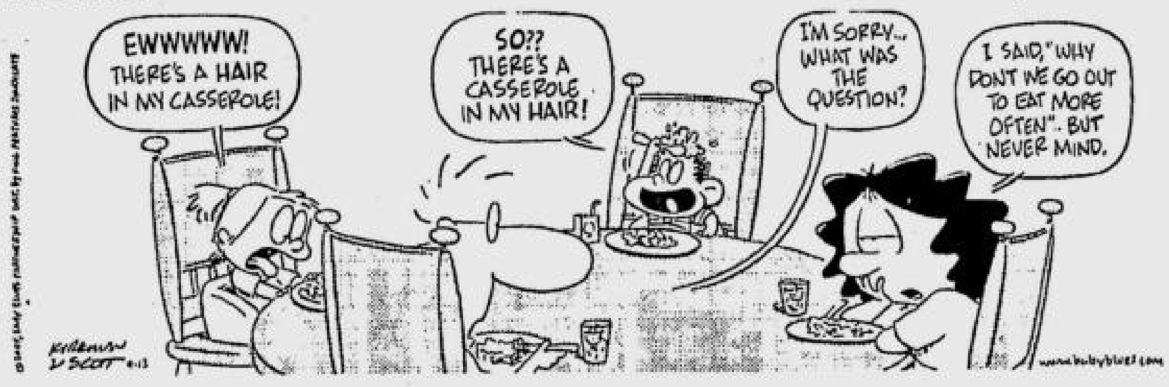
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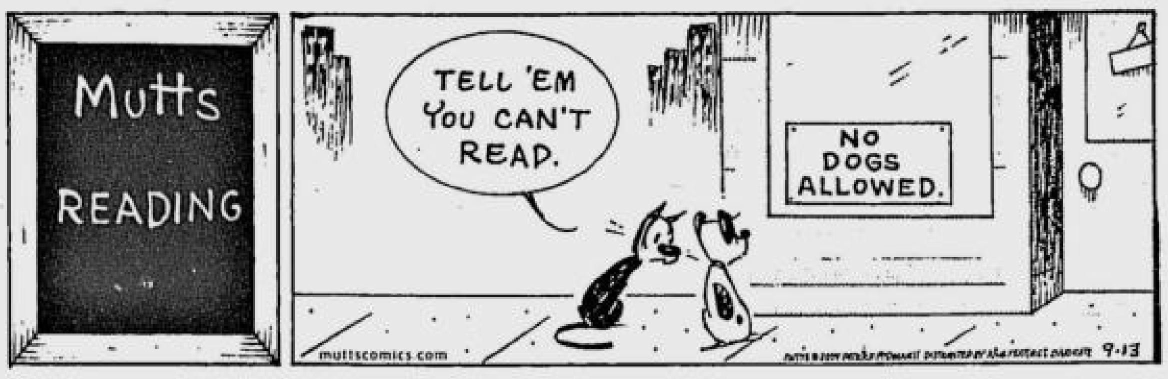
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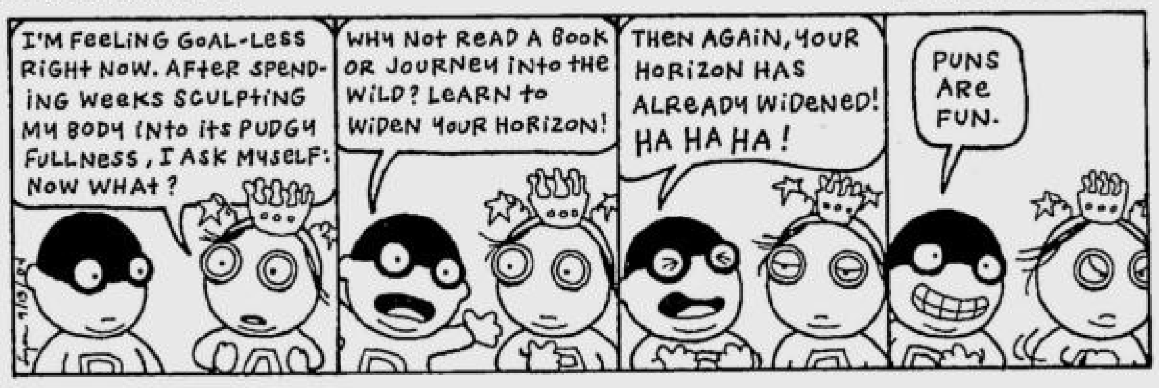
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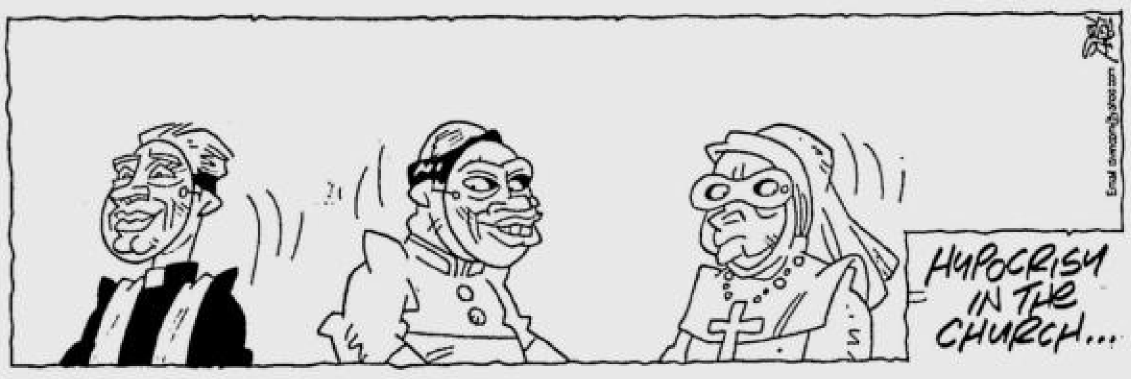
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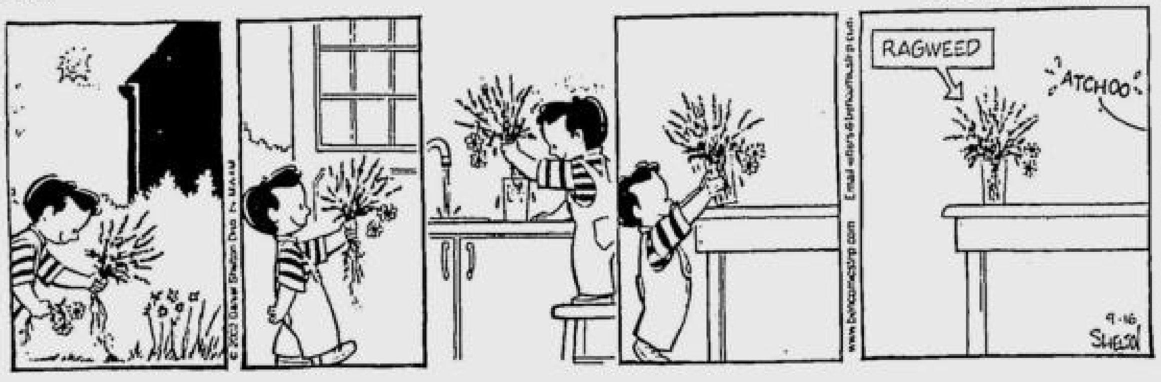
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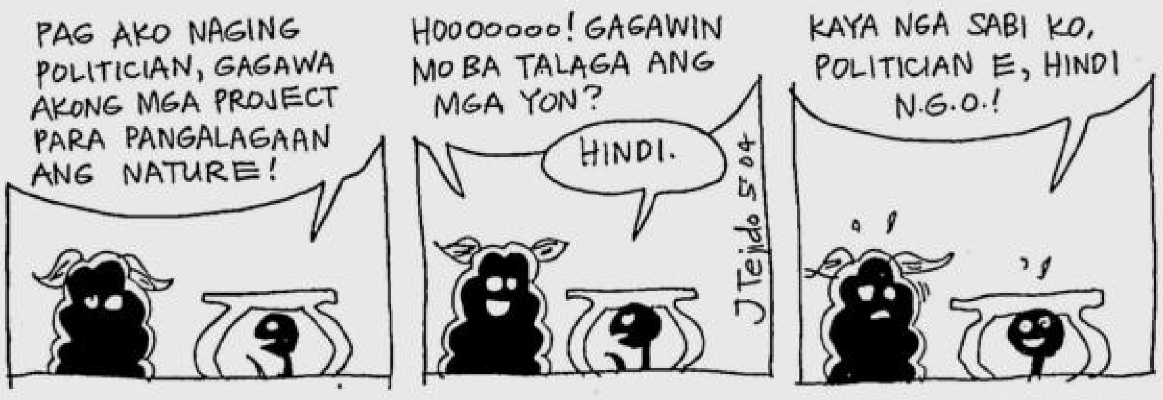
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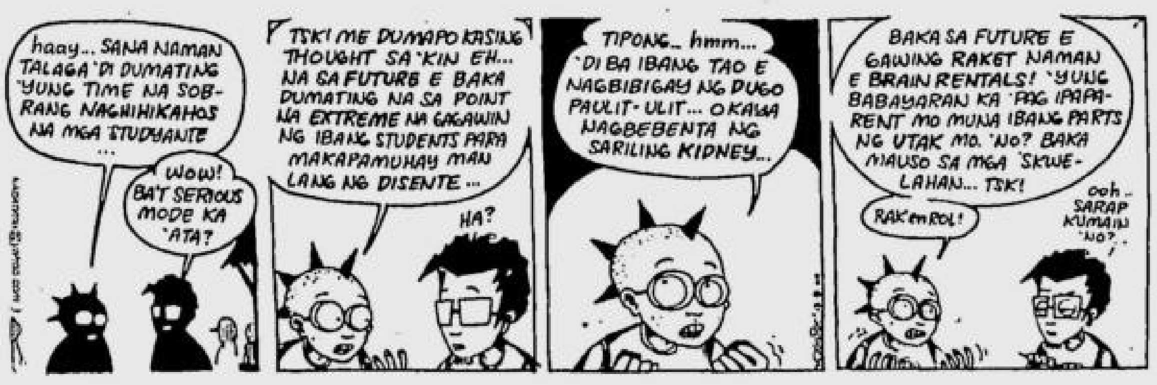
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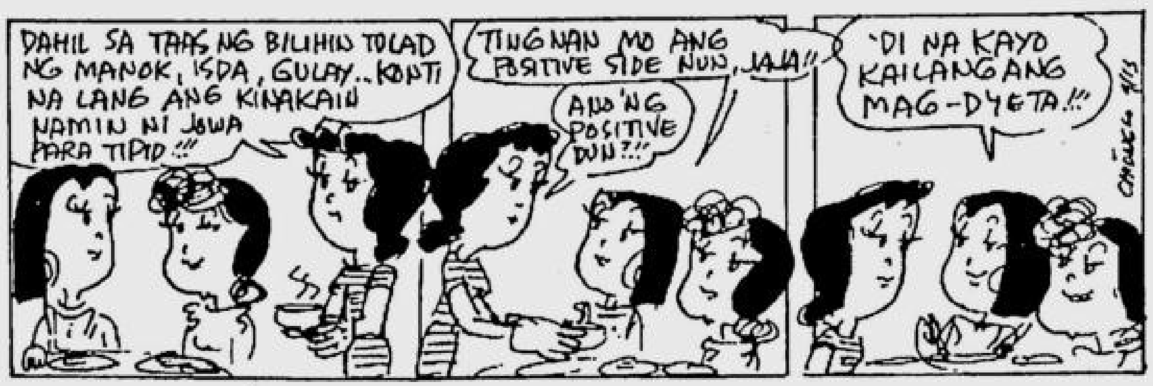
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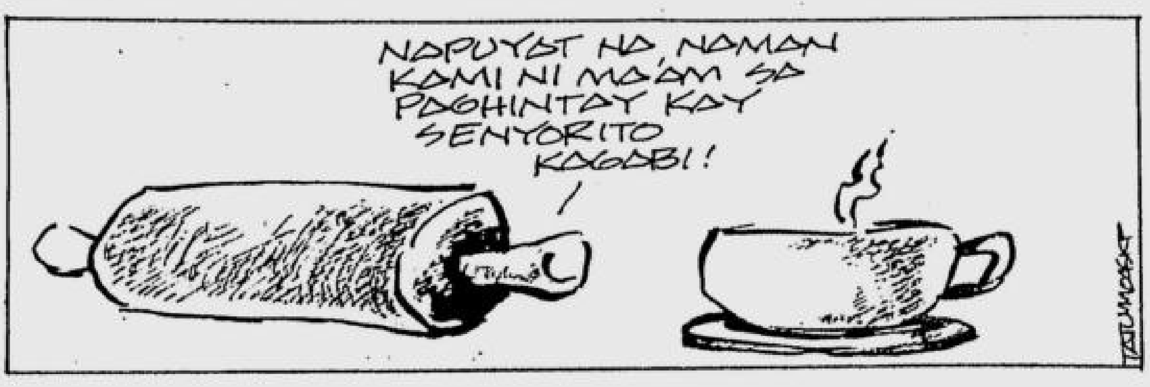
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BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You're enormously persevering. When you want something, you don't let up until you get it. You have excellent powers of concentration. Because you focus your energy so intensely, it's important to double-check whatever you embrace (physically or ideologically). All kinds of new, fresh, exciting avenues open up for you this year. **Birthdate of:** Nell Carter, actress; Jean Smart, actress; Roald Dahl, author.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): You're excitable and impatient, and you want everything yesterday. Others seem too slow! You'll have to work at being patient with co-workers today. (You can do it.)

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Love at first sight is definitely possible today. Flirtations from unexpected sources might surprise you. Parents should be vigilant about children who might encounter accident-prone situations today.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): You might be too blunt in conversations with others, especially parents and family members. What lies underneath this is that you feel rebellious about something. What is it? (You need to know this.)

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): This is definitely a mildly accident-prone day. Take extra precautions when driving, cycling and walking. You might also want to think twice before you speak. (Oh, yeah.)

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): You might discover surprising ways to make money today. You're also tempted to spend money impulsively and spontaneously. Be cool. Save some for tomorrow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): You can't help thinking or speaking rather hastily today. Your mind is moving in erratic leaps. You need to do something different and unusual to satisfy your jumpy energy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Unexpected revelations about something could come to you today. It will be a "Eureka!" moment. If so, you can definitely learn something important.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Agreement with friends isn't easy today. You have ideas of your own! Nevertheless, you might meet someone rather fascinating and bizarre today (not your everyday variety).

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Discussions with bosses and authority figures are a bumpy road today. Try to avoid these if you can. You're not in the mood to take instructions or directions from anybody else. (But do you have that luxury?)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): You're attracted to unusual, daring ideas today. It's as if you're suddenly thinking outside the box. This is exciting and certainly educational.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): You might be surprised by a gift today. Somebody wants to give you something or do a favor for you. You should accept, because by doing so you give someone else the opportunity to practice generosity.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): You might be tempted to tell someone off today. What's the point? At any rate, you should be prepared to back up your words later, because someone will no doubt challenge you.

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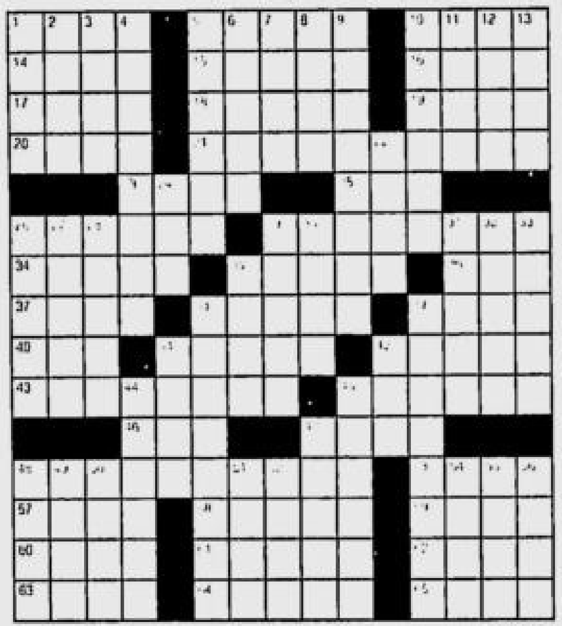

By Frances Burton
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16 Vegas rival
17 Beyond
18 Liqueur flavoring
19 Stoic philosopher of Rome
20 Catcher Tony
21 City in the Black Forest
23 List of charges
25 Give the ax to
26 City near Rawalpindi
29 Arm of the Barents
34 Alabama city
35 Goes yachting
36 The man in question
37 Razor choice
38 Deadly poisons
39 Knight's assistant
40 __ Moines
41 Strong winds
42 Refuge
43 Comics' gimmicks
45 Carnivorous felines
46 Rockies grazer
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11 Loader
12 Add to the pot
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22 Dugout stack
24 Vex
26 Encumbrances
27 Mexican empire of old
28 Severe
29 Diminishes
30 Goes in a hurry
31 Cut stubble
32 "The __ Sanction"
33 Grace closings
35 Jonas of bacteriology
38 Aftermath
39 American Samoa capital
41 River to the Colorado
42 Short greetings
44 Scorpion's stinger
45 Pokes fun at
47 Come in second
48 Destitution
49 Friend in France
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51 Operatic tune
52 Fast time
54 Like the Kalahari
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In Makati, a new home for theater

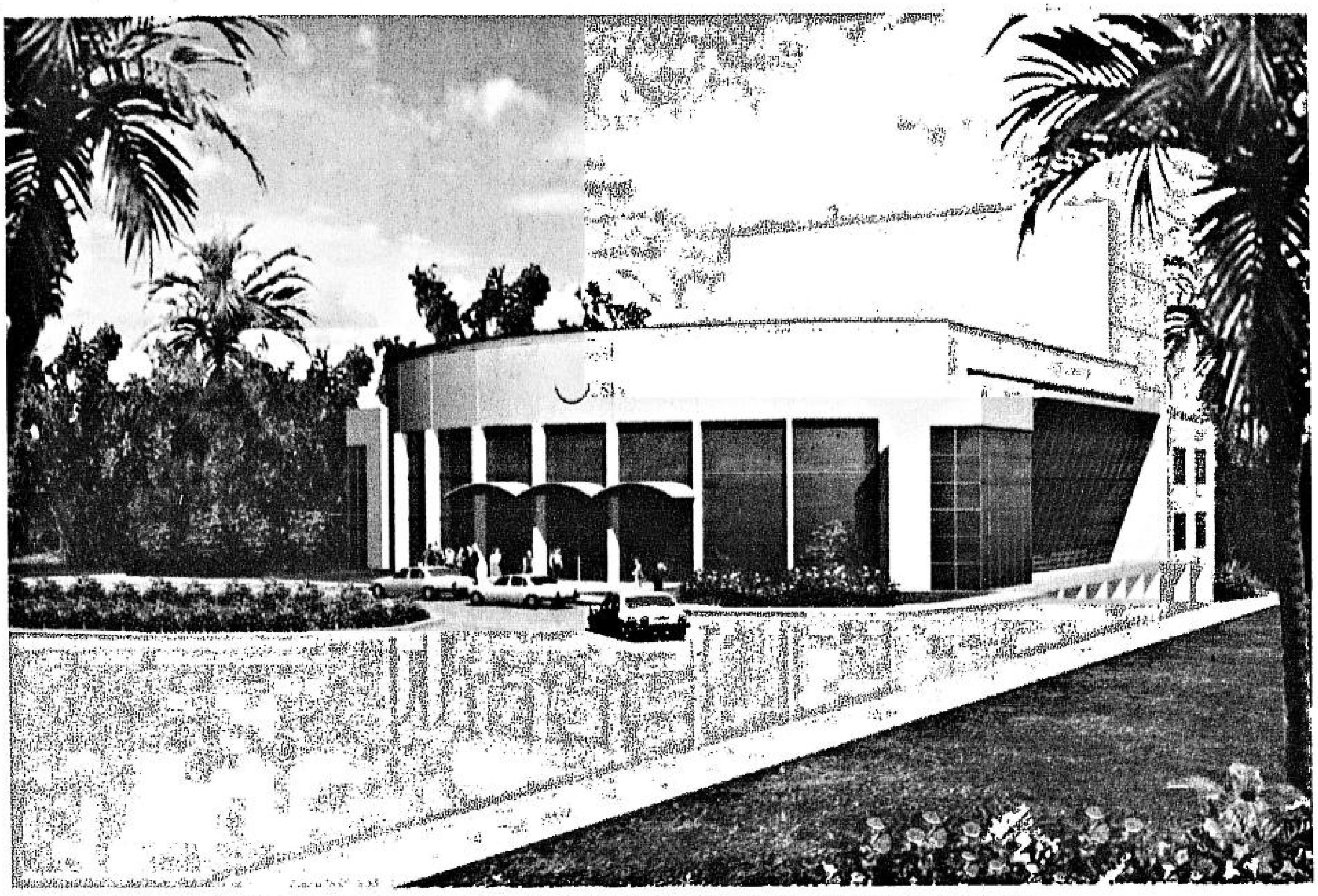
By Gibbs Cadiz

NOT many people may know about it, but once upon a time Makati had a premier performance venue that was as modern for its time as the stages at the Cultural Center of the Philippines, and had the historical and artistic cache to match them.

Built in 1968, the Mother Rose Auditorium at Assumption College in San Lorenzo Village, Makati, was designed by National Artist Pablo Antonio. Despite not being air-conditioned, it was renowned for its acoustics and was the only auditorium in Makati equipped with a flying scenery mechanism for its stage productions.

The auditorium was the venue for countless plays, musical productions, reunion programs, recitals and graduations—which is saying much, considering that Assumption's illustrious alumnae include such vanguards of Philippine art and culture as filmmakers Marilou Diaz-Abaya and Ramona Diaz ("Imelda"); painter Aida Cui; ballerinas Maritoni Rufino and Sofia Zobel; pianists Leonor Kilayko and Nena Del Rosario-Villanueva; former Peta artistic director Maribel Legarda; singers Joey Albert and Pinky Valdez (who recently released a CD of inspirational songs called "Sandalwood"); and noted stage actor-director Ana Valdes-Lim.

Not to mention former senator Loren Legarda and President Macapagal Arroyo herself, as well as society icons such as Tessa Prieto-Valdes and Judy Araneta Roxas, who currently chairs the school's alumnae association.



THE NEW hall under construction, designed by Rene Jasareno, and future home of the Mother Eugenie Theater of the Assumption

Wear and tear

Thirty-five years is a long time for a theater to survive, and in the case of a workaday school facility like Mother Rose, that meant making do while the harsh tropical climate and regular use by students and parents year in and year out steadily wore it down.

"It was still functional, but not comfortable anymore," says Sr. Josefina Magat, RA (Religious of the Assumption), president of the school. "The wooden flooring was *anay*-infested, and eventually it wasn't conducive anymore even for masses."

Its deterioration inconvenienced several alumnae so much during a recent reunion that a project has been launched to renovate Mother Rose Hall and bring it to 21st-century conditions. Even better, the new hall will become home to a new theater organization called Meta (Marie Eugenie Theater of the Assumption), to be run by Valdes-Lim.

"It will be like Dulaang UP," Valdes-Lim explains, "a student-based theater group but also using professional actors. Our goal is to come up with productions that would raise the consciousness of our girls, first of all, and the public in general."

THE OLD Mother Rose auditorium at Assumption College Makati, designed by National Artist Pablo Antonio

Conventional wisdom has it that the typical Assumptionista is sheltered, lady-like and dainty—but also, given her typically well-off pedigree, *sosyal* and flighty. The school is often seen as a high-end finishing school for girls of the elite.

Sister Josefina, who comes from an activist congregation that emphasizes exposure to and involvement in social flux ("We are an outgoing congregation. We don't have grills. We were almost not approved by the Pope," she says, laughing), thinks that enduring rep is belied by the number of Assumption alumnae who have made their mark as committed artists, professionals and leaders in society.

Where, after all, would they find that spark except in the fertile environment of their formative years?

Thus, new generations of young Assumptionistas assure that the school has its formative work cut out for it. And if Sister Josefina and Valdes-Lim will have their way, the theater will be a crucial plank of that mission.

"It will hopefully complete the education of our students by providing them a more holistic experience," explains Sister Josefina. "Our girls are so sheltered and protected, but we have to address issues of today and make them more passionate and socially aware. Theater can be a springboard for exploring these issues, and other disciplines in the campus can then just pick them up."

ANA Valdes-Lim

Assumption alumnae are raising money to put up a new campus venue for the arts

Treacly theater

No, Valdes-Lim adds, it's not going to be treacly religious theater meant only to make *manangs* out of impressionable young girls.

"The challenge for us is to choose the right material. We will do both classics and modern works, but preferably those that would address issues of today, such as inclusivity, women's rights, gender tolerance. I'm hoping the theater arts will cultivate that kind of sensitivity," she says.

The cosmopolitan Valdes-Lim is perhaps the best person to helm this fledgling theater group. A graduate of the famed Juilliard School in New York (its products include Robin Williams, Kevin Spacey, William Hurt and Kevin Kline), she has had extensive acting and directing credits overseas, is a popular acting teacher with some well-received CCP productions under her belt ("Middle of Silence," "Dracula"), and has been chosen one of 100 outstanding alumni in Juilliard's centennial commemorative magazine.

"With Ana around; Meta would be a very good vehicle to develop our young talents while remaining true to our Assumption values," says Sister Josefina.

Meta's first production, now in the planning stage, is a musical about Mother Marie Eugenie Milleret de Breu, the progressive RA founder and a candidate for canonization. The original music will be commissioned, with the show going up in the new auditorium that's now rising on the rubble of the old one.

Assumption's alumnae association is spearheading the construction to the tune of P36 million, with about P11.7 million pitched in by the school. The rest is being raised through sponsorships (seats in the 1,600-seater auditorium are being "sold" at P20,000 each) and donations. Valdes-Lim is happy to note that all front and aisle seats have been sold out.

By the end of the year, the new theater designed by Rene Jasareno (who also designed the 2,000-seater Assumption Antipolo auditorium) will be operational. It will provide not only a ready venue for student-faculty activities, but more importantly, will be rented out as a new, intimate and thoroughly modern performance destination in the heart of the Makati area.

Its greatest role, nonetheless, is clear-cut: to provide young Assumption girls the platform to explore the worlds of art and ideas and, perhaps in the process, discover themselves.

"Even if our students don't end up as famous artists, as many of them have, what's more important is they interiorize their education through theater," says Sister Josefina. "If they can say, 'I've become more self-aware, I've become a better person' because of the issues we raise, then we've done our part. We can then help them make good choices."

Or, as Valdes-Lim puts it, "We just do what we have to do, and hopefully the product will speak for itself."

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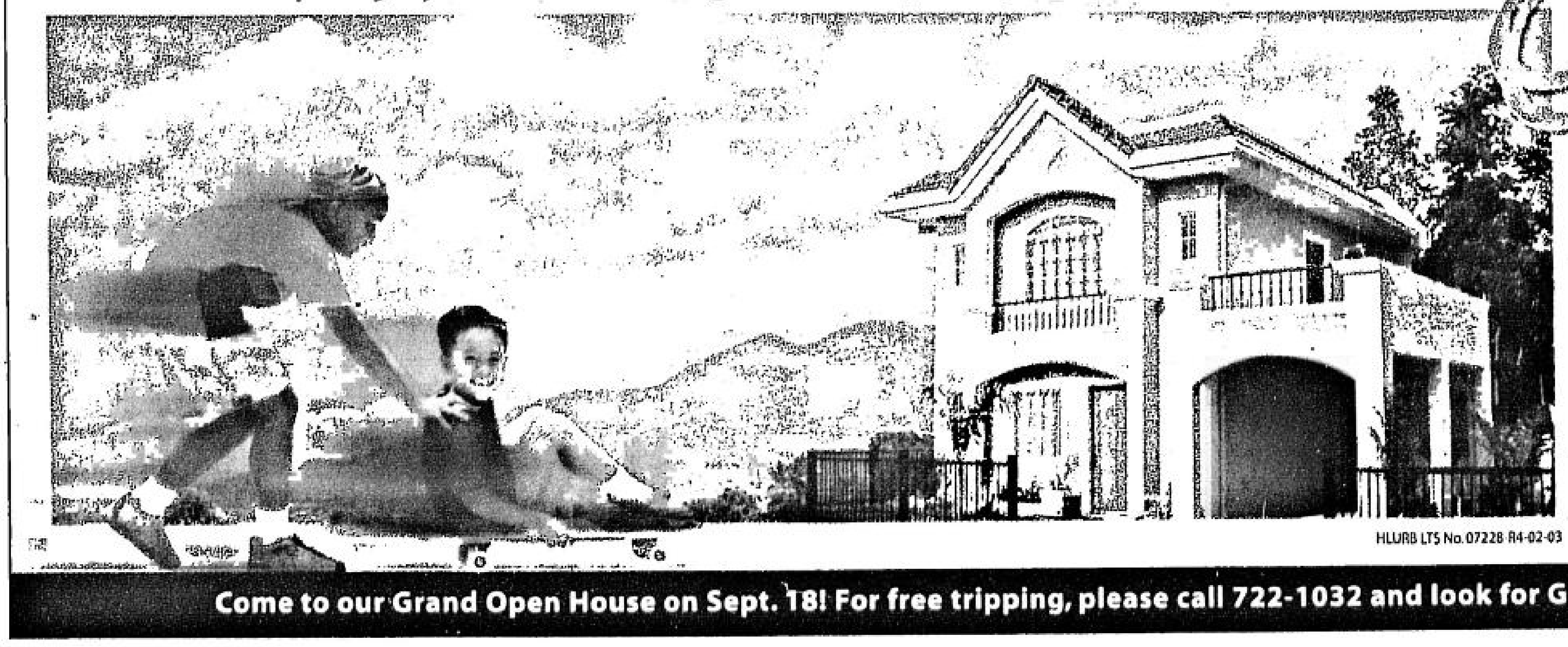

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Madz carries on winning tradition under new master

Mark Anthony A. Carpio has confirmed his capability to maintain the group's reputation for great choral singing

THE PHILIPPINE Madrigal Singers after winning both in the polyphony and *habanera* categories at the 50th Certamen International de Habanera y Polifonia in Spain

By Antonio C. Hila
Contributor

STAGING a homecoming concert after winning in an international choral competition has become a tradition for the Philippine Madrigal Singers.

Although with the numerous top prizes it has won for the past years, capped by the Grand Prix in the European Choral Competition in 1997, it's bringing home the bacon, so to speak, after an international choral competition has become almost a matter of course.

Recently, at the 50th Certamen Internacional de Habanera y Polifonia, an international choral tilt in Torrevieja, Spain, the Madz bested some 22 participants to win first prizes in both the "Habanera" and "Polyphonic" categories. The prizes are the first the group won after its 1997 win in the most prestigious choral competition, which prohibited it from joining an international choral contest in the next five years.

New steward

For new choirmaster Mark Anthony A. Carpio, to whom National Artist Maestra Andrea O. Veneracion, venerable founder and choirmaster of the Madz, entrusted the stewardship of the group, the victory in Spain confirmed his capability to continue the Madz's tradition of great choral singing.

At the Cultural Center of the Philippines, Carpio sat recently on the leftmost chair of the magical semi-circle and led the Madz in displaying its winning form before an appreciative audience that had grown through the years.

In Carpio's hands, the group's choral excellence remains untarnished. It continues to glow, touching the hearts of listeners and momentarily lifting their spirits in the face of today's mounting hardship.

Needless to say, the centerpieces of the program were the three *habanera* pieces: "A Tu Lado," "Niña Merse," and "Tu,"—composition and lyrics by Javier Justo/Matias Anton Mena, Federico Morena Torroba/Manuel Tamayo, and E. Sanchez Fuentes/Fernan Sanches, respectively. They were arranged by Manuel Massotti Littel.

The pieces were rendered handsomely, in utmost legate manner with a pronounced graceful pulsation, notwithstanding the surging notes in the high register of one of the songs. The undulation throbbed suavely, not as pointedly bouncy as our *habanera*, a Latin American form we acquired from mother Spain.

Beating the 'inventors'

Curiously, the Madz defeated a choir from Cuba where the *habanera* originated (it was named after Havana, the capital, famous for its cigars). It has definitely become part of the Madz tradition of great singing to beat the choir of the country where a contest piece originates.

Madz, of course, has bested several choirs from Europe where choral singing originated (the form was vaguely known in the Philippines before colonial times).

It takes a high-caliber choir to interpret Francisco Feliciano's contemporary ethnic piece, "Pamugan," that was part of Madz's program in the competition. Needless to say, virtuosity is another aspect of the Madz greatness.

As the new choirmaster of the Madz, Carpio has his work cut out for him keeping the group's reputation unblemished. But there is no doubting his ability to maintain the Madz's hallmark of excellence that his mentor, Maestra Veneracion, had established during her directorship.

Improvements needed

Some details still need polishing, such as voicing or blending of individual and sectional voices to ensure an impeccable sense of tonal balancing. Mention must also be made of intonation, which occasionally gets out of bounds.

The members' soloist caliber also has to be honed through the combined effort of the singers and their choirmaster. In the past, the Madz was known for the sterling caliber of its soloists. There is no doubt that, in time, the present crop of Madz choristers will also achieve this.

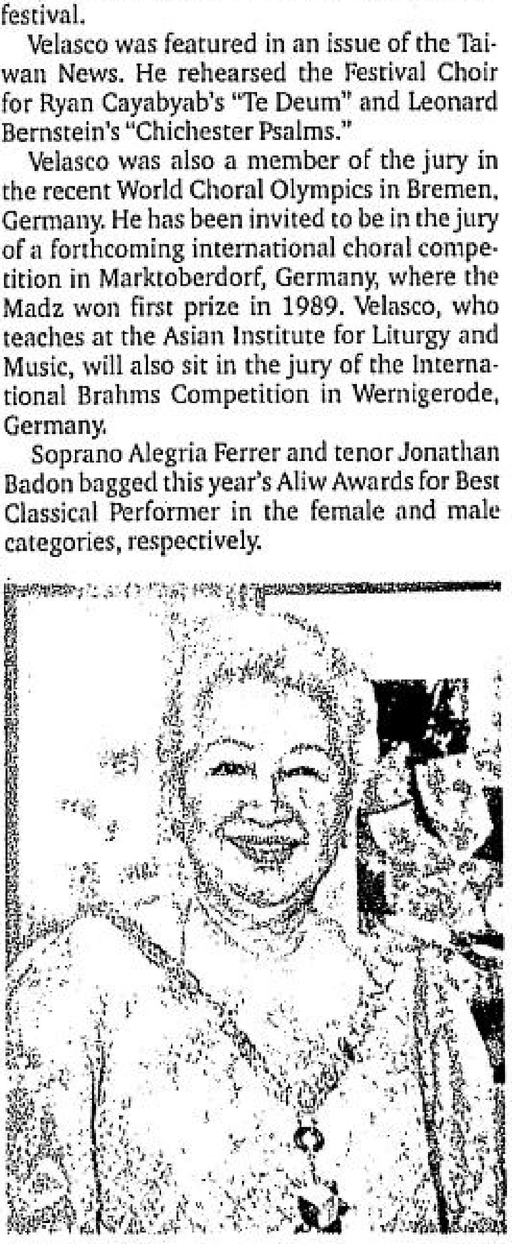
On the whole, one is heartened to note that Carpio has ably kept the sensibility that is overwhelmingly Madz in essence. It is certain he will keep the Madz's tradition of excellent choral singing alive.

Meanwhile, Jonathan Velasco, another titan in choral music, has earned the esteem of choristers at the recent 5th Taipei International Choral Festival. A former Madz member who now conducts the Ateneo Chamber Singers, Velasco served in the faculty of the festival.

Velasco was featured in an issue of the Taiwan News. He rehearsed the Festival Choir for Ryan Cayabyab's "Te Deum" and Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms."

Velasco was also a member of the jury in the recent World Choral Olympics in Bremen, Germany. He has been invited to be in the jury of a forthcoming international choral competition in Marktoberdorf, Germany, where the Madz won first prize in 1989. Velasco, who teaches at the Asian Institute for Liturgy and Music, will also sit in the jury of the International Brahms Competition in Wernigerode, Germany.

Soprano Alegria Ferrer and tenor Jonathan Badon bagged this year's Aliw Awards for Best Classical Performer in the female and male categories, respectively.



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'Troyanas,' Tanghalang Pilipino's Filipino adaptation of Euripides' 'Trojan Women,' sets the record straight about the war's aftermath

AFTER the fall of Rome, the women are rounded up

War of the widows

By Cora Llamas
Contributor

FORGET the feel-good ending of that Hollywood blockbuster "Troy," which saw the escape from the burning city of doomed lovers Paris and Helen, princess Andromache and her infant, and other survivors.

As some critics who had panned the movie put it, the Greek playwrights who had made classics out of the fates of the conquerors and losers alike would have turned in their graves, crying sacrilege over the destruction of their visions and violation of copyright.

"Troyanas," Tanghalang Pilipino's (TP) Filipino adaptation of Euripides' "Trojan Women," will at least set the record right. All the men of the once glorious walled city were slaughtered. Nobody, except for Aeneas and his aged father, made it out to one day build Rome.

Helen (Kalila Aguilos), who triggered the 10-year war, is reunited with her husband Menelaus (Richard Cunanan). The Trojan princesses, including the lovely, noble Andromache (Shamaine Centenera-Buencamino), are handed out as concubines to the lusty Greek generals. Hector's 7-year-old son, Astyanax, is hurled screaming to his death from Troy's highest towers.

Imperious queen

The focal point of this tragedy is the one character the movie conveniently left out: the imperious Trojan queen Hecuba (Madeleine Nicolas alternating with Divina Cavestany)—bloody yet unbowed, never losing her dignity and majesty despite the tumult around her.

"Hecuba was an intelligent woman who counsels and strategizes. You must remember that her husband Priam was a strong king and Troy was a prosperous [nation-state] for a long time," Cavestany describes her character. "[If it is true] that the mother lives in her children, she raised a hero, Hector, and a prophetess, Cassandra."

The play opens with all the women huddled in a barbed concentration camp, the evening gowns they had been wearing the night before in celebration of the apparent departure of the Greek army now in tatters. Hecuba, despite seeing the genocide of her people and the murder of her family, remains clear-headed and calm, mustering strength to provide a tenuous thread of hope for the surviving women.

"It is the mother who advises the daughter-in-law, Andromache, to forget the dead son, and her [own child], Cassandra, to make her master Menelaus fall in love with her. When the storm is too strong, you flow with the sorrow, rather than be swallowed by the waves," says Cavestany.

The one thing that finally breaks down Hecuba's steely calm is the execution of her grandson, whom she had envisioned as a future avenger who would restore Troy's lost glory. However, while the traditional Euripides play has a grieving Hecuba leading out her sheep in resignation, director Josefina Estrella converts what would have been a final blow into a seething rage that galvanizes the audience with its anti-war message.

Estrella explains, "In the classical version, she wanted to die and runs to the flames, but is stopped [by the soldiers]. [Our ending is] more revolutionary and *palaban*."

The director departs a lot from the traditional interpretation, which has the protagonists endlessly weeping, "'Woe is me, why did the gods allow this?' It's really boring. These [characters] are

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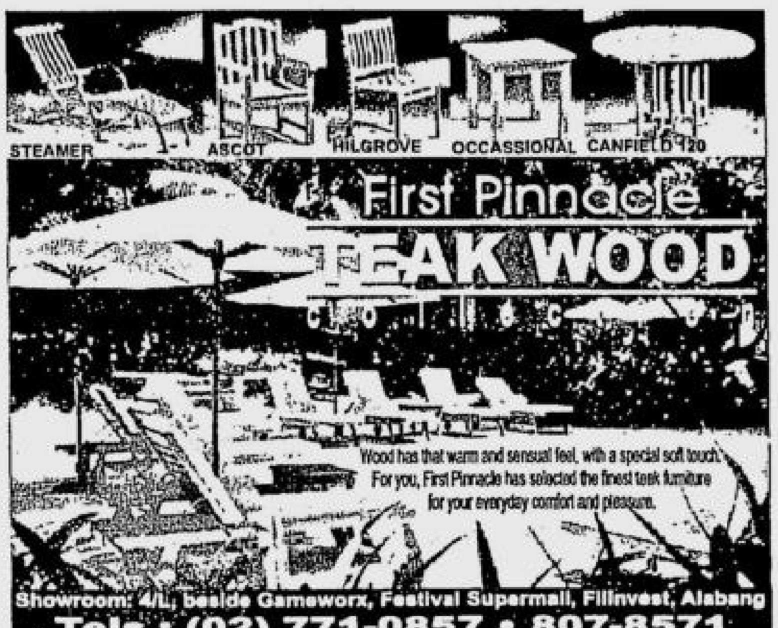

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World Tour by International Youth Fellowship of Korea
In celebration of Philippine-Korean Friendship Week
3rd Level, Starplus Function Hall

12
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"Star si Lolo at Lola Duet Singing Competition"
4pm, 2nd level, Tradehall

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14 Hair Cutting Demo
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15 Hair Coloring & Rebonding Demo
16 FREE Make-over (Make-up Demonstration)
17 FREE Skin Analysis
18 Fashion Show by Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association of the Philippines (HACAP)
6pm, 2nd Level, Tradehall

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HANDOG NG SMART SA PAMILYANG PILIPINO
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Hosted by Dang "Roxanne" Cruz
10am, 4th Level, Tradehall

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Starland Search for "2004 Idol Ko si Lolo at Lola"
Starland Themepark & Resort
4th Level

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Ethel Booba & Kaye Brosas in "RATED BOOBA"
4pm, 4th Level, Tradehall

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STAR IDOL GRAND FINALS
5pm, 4th Level, Tradehall

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24-26
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Beauty Fair 2004
4th Level, Tradehall

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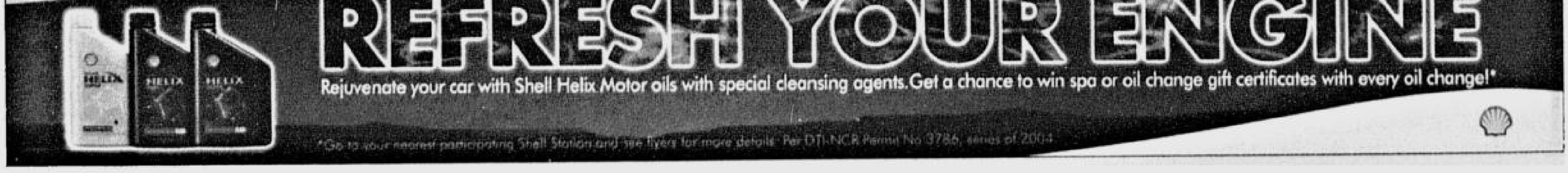
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Learning the 'abakada' becomes a fun game

"Alphabet Alpabeto"
Written and illustrated by Tracy David
Adarna House, 2004

By Neni Sta. Romana-Cruz
Contributor

YOUNG Paris-based Filipino graphic designer and art director Tracy del Rosario David was not just on her usual *balikbayan* visit in June last year.

She was obsessed with her idea of an extraordinary alphabet book, which she had been working on after office hours for close to a year. She was going to present the dummy to children's publishing houses in Manila.

David was not only searching for her dream publisher but also needed input on her unconventional bilingual approach to the alphabet. She wanted an English-Filipino alphabet book that would present images and objects with names beginning with the same letter.

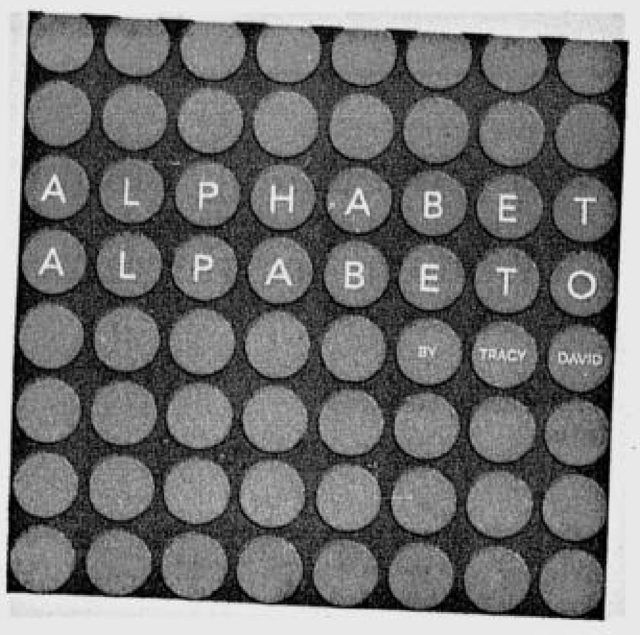
A year later, we have an avant-garde alphabet book that teases from A to Z. As David herself warns in her introduction, it is a word guessing game for children and adults. It includes all the 26 letters of the English alphabet that are also in the new Filipino alphabet plus the two extra letters in the latter—ng and the Spanish ñ.

From 'abakada' to 'alpabeto'

The curious and the uninitiated may wonder when and how the new Filipino *alpabeto* was transformed to correspond to the English alphabet.

National Artist for Literature Virgilio Almario, aka Adarna House founder and Filipino scholar, explains that the evolution of the *abakada* to the *alpabeto* has nothing to do with the English alphabet, but its being more representative of Philippine languages. The letters not in the old *abakada* such as c, j, f are found in certain languages.

There is nothing predictable about the alphabet book. Considering how much we have complained about the "dumbing down" of reading materials for children, this is a welcome and refreshing change. It challenges, intrigues, fascinates both young and old.



The book will be a sure success. The game is not easy to play and, thoughtfully, a glossary at the end of the book provides the answers. But not all the answers, because David encourages the readers to look for other words on pages she deliberately does not identify, but are there awaiting discovery.

Fun and appealing

It is wonderful that the Philippines has a book that is as much fun and as visually appealing as some of today's popular "game" books from the West. There is Scholastic Books' "I Spy" series, which requires readers to identify objects on a helter-skelter spread. George Shannon's "Tomorrow's Alphabet" is a deliberately confusing alphabet. For the letter E for instance, it says, "Today's fire, Tomorrow's... embers."

Every page of David's book is in full color. The graphics, computer-generated images, reveal inspiration from and influence of classical and contemporary art, from Matisse to Warhol to today's graphic design icons as Paul Rand and Takashi Murakami.

A visual treat and especially fascinating is the way the letters present themselves—C hangs like a noodle on a chopstick, E is seen on an elephant's trunk, Y is on the face of a spread of yo-yos. Even the font style is in keeping with the object it represents.

Some adults may raise their eyebrows over the use of words not in the usual realm of a child's experience, like wasabi for W or jalapeño for Ñ, etc.—but isn't the point of a word book to challenge and introduce the unfamiliar, to increase limited vocabularies?

The book with a launch price of P300 is expensive but it is a deluxe edition—hard cover, thick-coated paper, full color and pages stitched, not stapled or glued. Production cost was high so David had her banker father, Rey David, as special sponsor. As someone observed, if Adarna had solely spent for it, "Alphabet Alpabeto" would have exhausted the publishing house's budget for the year and then some.

Tracy David had to find a way to have her dream book come true. And it is a book which reflects how her talent has been nurtured in New York, Manila and Paris.

The book is available at Mag:Net bookstore-gallery at EJL Center, ABS-CBN, Quezon City and Paseo de Roxas and Sedeno St., Makati Citty.

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Laguna power firm helps spread the Education Revolution

By Andy Saracho
Contributor

FOR many of the teachers, it was just one of the seminars the Department of Education usually required them to attend in preparation for additional workload to be given them in the future.

But they were attending the Mentoring the Mentors Program (MMP). Held for four days at the NPC Camarin Guesthouse in Barangay West Talaongan, Cavinti, the MMP gathered 34 principals, master teachers and teachers from 23 public elementary schools in Laguna for what had been expected to spark a new beginning—the beginning of a revolution, the "Education Revolution".

By the last day, the new "revolutionaries" had been armed with new knowledge, skills and techniques—ready to go to the battlefield to help win the long-fought battle against poverty.

As it were, the MMP participants heeded the call to develop a "social optic," a social transformation that begins with oneself, called Kambio sa Pananaw. It was a shift of perspectives from an "*akin*" (mine) to an "*atin*" (ours) mentality. They committed to spread the revolution as soon as they go back to their own schools and communities.

CBK Power Company Ltd., a hydroelectric power producer based in Kalayaan, Laguna, and its revolutionary partner, the Foundation for Worldwide People Power Inc. (FWWPPI), sponsored and organized the training program as a follow-through to the MMP and Adopt-A-School Program that started last year with the local public high schools.

Public education support is actually part of CBK Power's corporate social responsibility through its social development program. Under this, the company now has 41 college scholars, 10 of them in their junior year in different colleges and universities in Laguna, Quezon and Metro Manila.

Participants to the MMP came from five towns surrounding CBK Power's plants and facilities: Kalayaan, Lumban, Cavinti, Majayjay and Luisiana.

The participating schools were: San Juan Elementary School, Longos ES, Sitio Magalolon ES and San Antonio ES (in Kalayaan); Lumban Central, Wawa ES and Caliraya-Lewin ES (all in Lumban); Bulajo Layug ES, Burol ES, Talaongan West ES, Bukal ES, Talaongan East ES and Inao-awan ES (all in Cavini); Majayjay ES and Bakia-Botocan ES (in Majayjay); and Luisiana ES, San Rafael-San Roque ES, Bonifacio ES, San Antonio ES, San Buenaventura ES, San Isidro ES, San Salvador ES and Dela Paz-San Pablo ES (all in Luisiana).

With the blessings from DepEd's Laguna Schools Division Office under superintendent Lilia T. Reyes, the participants actively participated in the MMP that turned out to be "different" from what they had expected.

Big difference

The "big difference" was delivered by the effective and convincing lectures by three charismatic ladies from FWWPPI.

Evelyn Mejillano, the national coordinator of FWWPPI's Mentoring the Mentors Program, provided a bird's eye view of "mentoring."

Stella "Chinit" Rufino, MMP's program director, hit the nail on the head by calling on the participants for a shift in perspective (Kambio sa Pananaw) toward an "*atin* mentality" as the crucial starting point in the mentoring process:

"To imbibe the *atin* mentality is to take care of the last, the least and the lost. To win, to strive for excellence, but to extend a helping hand to those who are left behind. Armed with this new perspective, you will be ready to influence your co-teachers to mentor their students to become better citizens who care about their community and their nation."

Speaking on "Leadership for Service," Rufino reminded participants that "the call for an Education Revolution is a call for change in the way we educate the young. It is a call to make learning go beyond the exercise of imparting and acquiring knowledge. It is a call to develop them into leaders who can think critically, initiate change and stand for their convictions."

Another charismatic lady, Lirio Ongpin Mapa, vice president of the Center for Leadership and Change Inc., spoke on Stephen Covey's "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" and Chiara Lubich's "art of loving" in her lecture on "Building Win-Win Relationships," a module that guides the participants, as mentors, through the process of "investing" in relationships.

CHINIT Rufino, Mentoring the Mentors program director.

Grace Reyes, a young instructor in UP Diliman, provided support to her "senior" colleagues by explaining Celia Adriano's "Designing Effective Instructions" and conducting the energizers.

In the graduation, which FWWPPI's president, Maria Lim Ayuyao, honored with her presence, participants lighted candles to signify their intention to "spread the revolution" as they recited their commitment to upgrade the quality of education in their respective communities as "better mentors."

The commitments by the participants are a sign that the four-day MMP somehow sparked a flame that could spread around and light the path toward a brighter future for the country's education sector.

Lin Castro, CBK Power's vice president for environment and community relations, reaffirmed the company's commitment in supporting efforts to upgrade the quality of education as a long-term solution to poverty in the power firm's host communities. She raised hopes that CBK Power's efforts will help "realize a common vision of a better Laguna, a better Philippines to live in."

Welcome Participants
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NPC CAMARIN GUESTHOUSE CAVINTI LAGUNA

SOME of the principals and master teachers from 23 elementary schools in Laguna at the NPC Camarin Guest House, venue of their Mentoring the Mentors sessions.

US-based nurses honor FEU official

DEAN Lydia A. Palaypay, vice president for academic affairs of the Far Eastern University and former dean of the FEU Institute of Nursing, was honored with a tribute last July 30 by the FEU Nursing Alumni Association Foundation, composed of alumni now based in the United States.

The tribute was held during the group's 11th annual biennial reunion at the Marriot Marquis Hotel on Broadway in New York City.

Palaypay, former vice president for special projects of FEU, is the first Filipino member of the board of trustees of the Johns Hopkins Program for International Education in Reproductive Health based in the US.

Formerly chair of the Technical Panel for Nursing Education of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, and co-chair of the Technical Panel for Health Professions of the Commission on Higher Education, Palaypay served as chair of the Department of Nursing Education and Committee on Scholarships and Awards of the Philippine Nursing Association.

Palaypay took up nursing at the University of the Philippines and Boston University and Master in Nursing at the Catholic University of America. She had been adviser for workers in the Philippine delegation on the International Labor Conference in Geneva and vice president of the Association of Deans of Philippine Nursing Colleges, which revised the curriculum to make it more competency-based and community-oriented.

Book on campus spirituality out

magis
writings on
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editor, Queena N. Lee-Chua

MAGIS, Writings on Faith, Joy, & Love," edited by Queena N. Lee-Chua, is a collection of writings on personal experiences of individuals who are part of the Ateneo community. In moments of sadness or joy, of loss or fulfillment, of desperation or exhilaration, the soul that searches for excellence shines through. Integral to this quest is not only the defining experience, but more so the reflection that comes after it. "Magis" will tug at your heart, comfort you, and inspire you.

The collection includes memorable pieces such as the valedictory address of Roselle Ambubuyog, the address of Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ at the Palanca Awards; reflections on teaching by Danton Remoto, Rene Carvajal, and Queena Lee-Chua; on writing by Krip Yuson and Larry Ypil, on parenting by Maribel Dionisio. Other authors include Carmelo Caluag II, SJ, Johnny Sy, SJ, Cathy Babao-Guballa, Ruel de Vera, and many more.

Chua is an associate professor of mathematics and psychology at the Ateneo. She writes for the Philippine Daily Inquirer, Philippine Journal of Education and Working Mom magazine. She's the author of the "Blessings" series, the "Straight Talk" series, "Why be Afraid of Math," "Ten Outstanding Filipino Scientists," and "In the Beginning and Other Scientific Journeys."

The book is available at the Office of Research and Publications, Ateneo de Manila University and Popular Bookstore on Timog Ave. Call 4265663 or 4266001 local 5180 to 5184, or e-mail orp@admu.edu.ph

War of the widows

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strong women, not just wailing [ones]. The text really gave the actors something to work on."

Contemporary approach

Estrella is using Charles Mee's critically acclaimed modern-day adaptation of Euripides' original text. Translated into Filipino by J.B. Capino, Mee's contemporary approach takes the audience into the heart of a war they can understand, where history is retold by global news agencies and where privileged families protect themselves from the rabble in plush country estates.

Instead of the usual Greek chorus narrating the events in somber staccato, bystanders spread the word in panicky gossip, like witnesses caught by live news cameras. "I was there when the Trojan horse opened... " "Then the Greeks started coming down and set the city on fire... " "Did you see how Priam died?..."

The survivors' monologues reflect Hecuba's inner strength and devastating loss, yet are couched in realistic day-to-day longings that connect with today's audiences.

Estrella enumerates the play's final moments: "Andromache remembers that, during her marriage to Hector, the only thing she could think of was her dieting —not knowing that this is how her life will end."

Polyxena, Hecuba's teenage and youngest daughter, who willingly offers herself as a sacrifice on the grave of the late Greek warrior Achilles, admits that she "wants to live long" enough to figure out the mysteries of fickle suitors.

Cassandra (Tess Jamias alternating with Diana Malahay) goes to her slavery defiantly, knowing through her gift of prophecy that she will one day kill the Greek ruler Agamemnon to the ruin of his entire family. "She will still fight for Troy, and [her death] will at least bring down one house."

Estrella is careful to preserve the myth of Helen, the catalyst instrumental to the city's siege and destruction. "Helen speaks in French and English because she's a foreigner. Everyone hates her. She's often portrayed as the bitch and the beauty that launched a thousand ships. The Mee text [shows] Helen as a vamp who used her beauty; she can't help it. But she's not dumb and is beyond the common."

Yet, Helen, who points to the influence of the Greek goddesses as her excuse, is not spared her day in court by the fiery former queen Hecuba.

As Cavestany describes the confrontation, "Their relationship is not a simple one. Hecuba did feel that her son Paris loved Helen and thus supported her when she joined him in Troy. [But after the war,] Hecuba wants Helen dead, regardless of whatever closeness they had shared. Their confrontation is like a court scene where Hecuba refutes point by point Helen's self-defense."

Hecuba's arguments may linger long after Helen leaves the scene. So will the images of once proud women, which the director calls the "usual debris of war," defiantly marching off to meet their final fates.

Tanghalang Pilipino's "Troyanas" runs until Sept. 26 at the CCP. Call 8323661.

THE ELAMS Voice Ensemble

CEU concert pays tribute to music deans

THE CENTRO Escolar University Alumni Foundation Inc. pays tribute to Filipino composers, who were pillars of the CEU Conservatory of Music, in "Pagpupugay Sa Mga Maestro ng Centro Escolar," to be held at the GSIS Financial Center, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City, on Sept. 18 at 5 p.m.

To be honored are great Filipino composers Alfredo Buenventura, Francisco Buencamino Sr., Felipe Padilla de Leon, Antonio J. Molina, Lucino T. Sacramento and Lucio San Pedro.

Soprano Camille Lopez-Molipa, tenor Pablo Molina and flutist Dr. Santiago Yangco will interpret original works and arrangements of the masters, together with the Elams Voice Ensemble.

At the helm of the project is Dr. Paz I. Lucido, dean of the CEU School of Education, Liberal Arts, Music and Social Work, and president of the CEU Alumni Foundation Inc., and Dr. Myrna A. Lopez, Elams Alumni Chapter president, who also serves as assisting pianist for the program.

Call Erlinda Punzalan Fajardo at the Selams Office, Centro Escolar University, Mendiola Street, Manila, at 7359662 and 7356861 local 223 or 247.

New Tagalog romance titles

BOOKWARE Publishing Corp. has released the newest My Special Valentine titles: "Sana Kahit Minsan," "A Woman's Touch," "Trust Me," "Substitute Husband," "Please Be Careful with My Heart," "Surrender in Paradise," "To Love Again," "Blue Moon," "Give Me Back my Heart," "A Love to Last Forever," "Labis Kitang Minamahal" and "Hintayin Kong Ibigin Kita."

The company's Nokia 3650 raffle promo will have its grand draw this month. The most recent monthly winner is Marlina Aranzado of Batangas City. Call 6318894.

Book of poetic revision and recreation

WRITING courses talk of writing as a process composed of several stages or steps. To most writers, the most difficult stage may not be creation itself but revision. Successful revision may actually determine a successful piece or—as with "Pidgin Levitations," the latest book of poems by Ricardo de Ungria—an exemplary collection.

"Pidgin Levitations" is a remarkable work of revision and recreation of De Ungria's uncollected poems from 1981-1989. It illustrates a poet's exemplary course from an aesthetics of "esoteric allusions… and mystifying subtleties and obscurities" (Gémino Abad) to a poetics of ordinary language and subjects: "English at ground level, English at its most conversational."

But the content is not Pidgin Levitations' only admirable feature. The whimsical cover alone is a wealth of visual stimuli. In between the book's pages are envelopes, pictures and postcards that will make you love the book not only for what you read, but also for the nonstop surprises you'll find inside.

Ricardo de Ungria is founding member of the Philippine Literary Arts Council, the Davao Writers Guild and the Samahan ng mga Guro ng Panitikan sa Dabaw. He has six books of poetry to his name and has edited a number of literary anthologies. He has won the prestigious National Book Award given by the Manila Critics Circle a number of times. At present, he is the chancellor at the University of the Philippines in Mindanao.

"Pidgin Levitations" is of incalculable value for teachers and students of poetry, literary critics, writers and all who have poetry's interest at heart.

Pidgin
Levitations
de Ungria

The book is available at the UP Press Bookstore, National Bookstore, PowerBooks, Fully Booked in Power Plant Mall, Aeon Books in Loyola Heights and Popular Bookstore in Morato. The book costs P650.

New reads for September

FROM the best-selling author of "Red Azalea" comes "Becoming Madame Mao," by Anchee Min, an extraordinary novel about Madame Mao Zedong, the woman almost universally known as the "white-boned demon," whom many hold directly responsible for the excesses of the Cultural Revolution.

Carson McCullers was only 23 when she published her first novel, "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter," which made her an overnight literary sensation. Available now for the first time in trade paperback, "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter" tells an unforgettable tale of moral isolation in a small southern mill town in the 1930s.

"It's Not About the Bike," by Lance Armstrong, is a biography of one of the most unforgettable characters in the sports work. Meanwhile, "Same As It Never Was," by Claire Scovell Lazebnik is an engaging, funny and far-from-ordinary debut novel.

Based on their work with more than 300 organizations spanning over a dozen years, "Strategy Maps," by Robert Kaplan and David Norton has created a new management tool: strategy maps. Using dozens of vivid company examples, the book shows how to create customized strategy maps that provides the blueprint for describing, measuring and aligning intangible assets for superior performance.

"Testosterone Inc.: Tales of CEOs Gone Wild," by Christopher Byron tells the story of a group of corporate titans—Jack Welch of GE, Dennis Kozlowski of Tyco, Ron Perelman of Revlon and Al Dunlap of Sunbeam—during a time when all stock prices rose and all business leaders were heroes—until they became drunk on power and addicted to fame.

"Not From Acorns," by Caspian Woods, is packed with practical wisdom and tips from countless entrepreneurs who have been there and done it.

In "Chronicle of a Death Foretold," by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, a man returns to the town where a baffling murder took place 27 years earlier, determined to get to the bottom of the story.

The term "cyberspace" was first coined in 1984 by sci-fi writer William Gibson. In "Cyberspace: the World of Digital Architecture," a largely visual statement of the construct is provided, thus helping advance its legitimacy even further through the featured work and words of many of its pioneers.

Emperors of Chocolate

Candy giants Milton Hershey and Forrest Mars built business empires out of one of the world's most magical substances: chocolate. In "The Emperors of Chocolate," by Joel Glenn Brenner, the author spins a unique story that takes us inside a world as mysterious as Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory.

These books are available at PowerBooks Specialty Store at Greenbelt 4 (7576428/29), Megamall (6352898 to 99), Alabang (8505662 to 63) and Glorietta (7527075).

Danton Remoto's new book off the press

PRIZE-WINNING poet, essayist and fiction writer Danton Remoto has just published his newest book, "Buhay Bading." The book is a translation into Filipino of selected essays from his earlier books, "Seduction & Solitude" and "X-Factor: Tales Outside the Closet." In a witty and engaging Filipino laced with gayspeak, Remoto brings to life the issues and controversies that revolve around the Filipino gay male identity in the country.

There are two dates for the book launching. The first will be Sept. 17, Friday, 6 p.m., at PowerBooks Megamall. The second will be on Oct. 2, Saturday, 7:30 p.m. at Powerbooks Greenbelt 4. The book is now available in the Philippine literature and psychology sections of National Bookstore and PowerBooks.

There will be a short program, food and drinks, and book-signing sessions not only of the new book but also of Remoto's earlier books: "Ladlad: An Anthology of Philippine Gay Writing," "Ladlad 2" and others. The author has won awards and grants from the British Council, Fulbright, Asian Scholarship Foundation, Cultural Center Awards in Literature and Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards in Literature.

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A Reverse Trade Fair that gathers various companies looking forsub-contractors, manufacturers and other start-up companies, franchises, venture capitalists, financing and consultancy companies and other firms providing allied services that offer opportunities to find business partners and alliances.

Fees per Exhibitor: Php14,500 for a 2.4m x 3m booth
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A two-day fun-filled shopping experience featuring various companies and entrepreneurs selling gifts, toys, housewares, electronics, garments and fashion accessories, home furnishings, books, food and other novelty items.

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